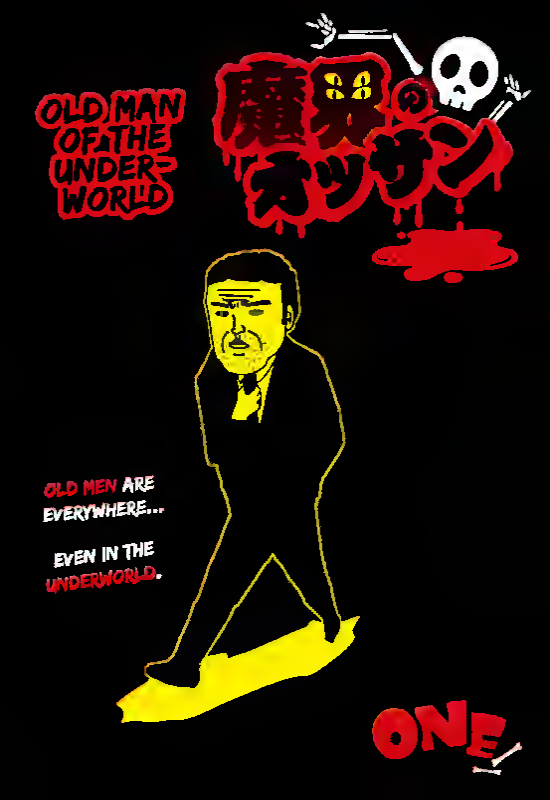
OLD MAN OF THE UNDER-WORLD
魔界ボッサン
OLD MEN ARE EVERYWHERE...
EVEN IN THE UNDERWORLD.
ONE!

I SURE DON'T LOOK UP TO HIM
I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE HIM WHEN I'M OLDER
MY DAD ALWAYS LOOKS WORN OUT
NOPE
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO LOVE HIM EITHER
DONE YOUR HOMEWORK YET?
TAROU!
SFX: SHUDDER
ALL I CAN DO IS DEFY HIM
I WAS JUST LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
YOU KNOW
THAT SO?

NOT SHOULDER

HE JUST GROPED MY BUTT
HE'S LYING !!
I HAVE NOT MOLESTED ANYONE
HERE
WOBBLE
SO?! DID YOU ?
PARDON THE RUDE QUESTION, MADAME, BUT WHERE ARE THE BUTTOCKS LOCATED IN YOUR BODY?
SFX: GRUGGHHH
YES, DO IT!
IF IT WAS NOT INTENTIONAL, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS THANK HER. YOU GOT TO TOUCH HER BUTTOCKS AFTER ALL
HERE TOO. LIFE IS A BITCH
BUT I SWEAR THAT IT WASN'T OUT OF MALICE
AND THE TRAIN IS PRETTY PACKED TOO...
MY SHOULDER MIGHT HAVE BUMPED INTO HERS WHEN THE TRAIN ROCKED ROUGHLY...
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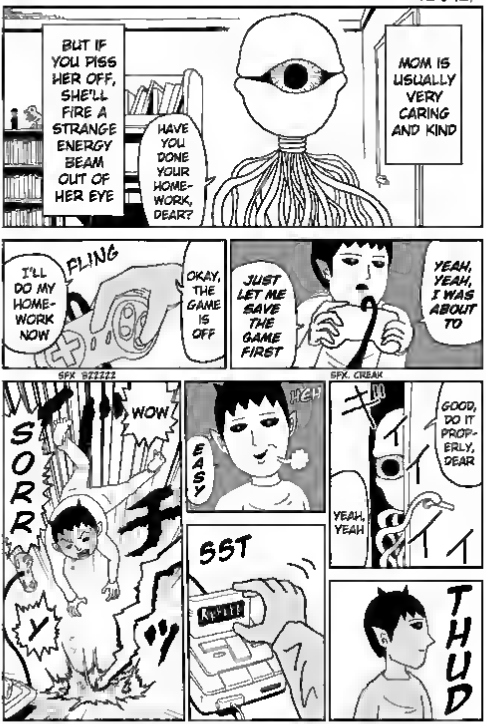
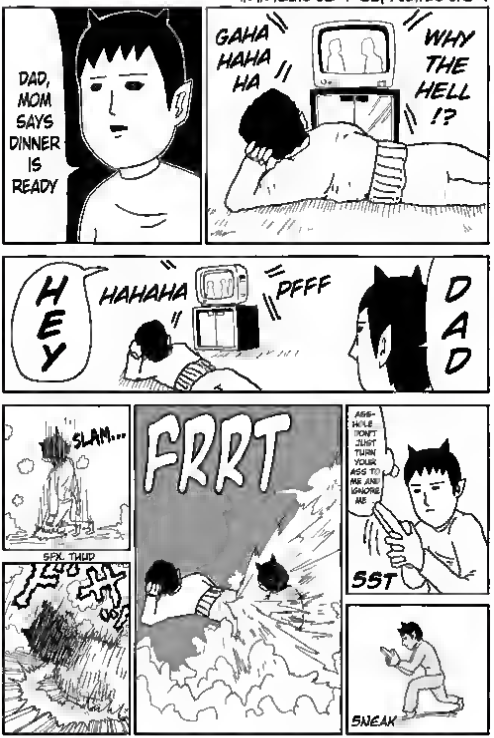
Tires
Oil
FRESH LIVER
THEN THAT RETARD WENT AND...
HEHE HE
WHAT D'YA WANT, OLD MAN?
WANT A PIECE OF US? HUH!?
AH?
HE'S FUCKING ANNOYING, LET'S DO HIM IN!
THE FUCK YOU SAY!? HUHHH!?
YOU'LL BE IN THE WAY OF OTHERS IF YOU'RE SITTING ON IT
THE SIDE-WALK IS FOR EVERY-ONE

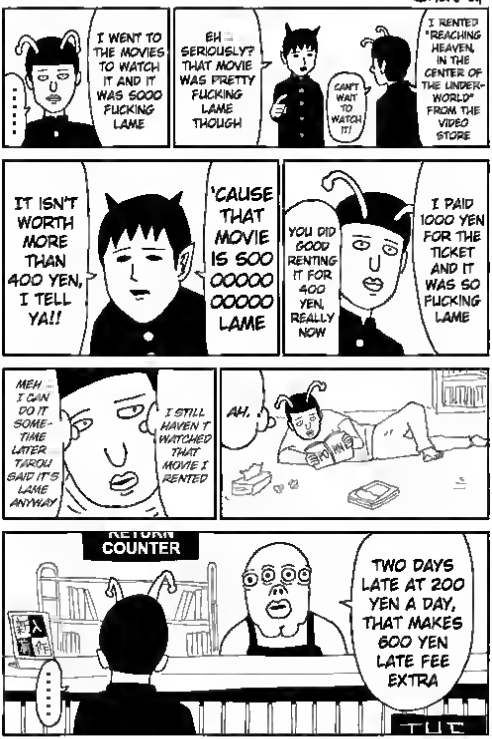
IN THE UNDER WORLD
THERE ARE LESS AND LESS ADULTS THAT CAN TEACH THE YOUNG PEOPLE RIGHT FROM WRONG.



T/L NOTE: THE LABEL ON THE CARTRIDGE SAYS "NONONONONONO", A FAMOUS RUMBLING SFX FROM JOJO. SO, MAYBE A JOJO GAME?


DAD, MOM SAYS DINNER IS READY
GAHA HAHA HA
WHY THE HELL !?
HEY
HAHAHA
PFFF
DAD
SLAM...
FRRT
ASS-HOLE DON'T JUST TURN YOUR ASS TO ME AND IGNORE ME
SST
SFX. THUP
SNEAK

SFX. SMACK
WHACK
SFX. SLASH
HEY, BIG BRO
I'M TALKING TO YOU, BIG BRO
BIG BRO, MOM SAYS LUNCH IS READY
SFX. WHACK SMACK
CRACKLE
SHUT THE FUCK UP, WILL YA!!!
BIG BR-
SFX. FSSSHHHH
SFX. SPLASH
SFX. SOB SOB
YOU LOSE
Bawwwww
SFX. BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ


I WENT TO THE MOVIES TO WATCH IT AND IT WAS SOOO FUCKING LAME
EH... SERIOUSLY? THAT MOVIE WAS PRETTY FUCKING LAME THOUGH
CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH IT!
I RENTED "REACHING HEAVEN, IN THE CENTER OF THE UNDERWORLD" FROM THE VIDEO STORE
IT ISN'T WORTH MORE THAN 400 YEN, I TELL YA!!
'CAUSE THAT MOVIE IS SOO OOOOO OOOOO LAME
YOU DID GOOD RENTING IT FOR 400 YEN, REALLY NOW
I PAID 1000 YEN FOR THE TICKET AND IT WAS SO FUCKING LAME
MEH... I CAN DO IT SOME-TIME LATER TAROU SAID IT'S LAME ANYWAY
I STILL HAVEN'T WATCHED THAT MOVIE I RENTED
AH.
RETURN COUNTER
TWO DAYS LATE AT 200 YEN A DAY, THAT MAKES 600 YEN LATE FEE EXTRA

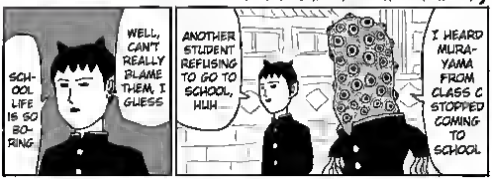
74TH DEVIL KING BEEF STROGANOFF DEFEATED THE ARMY OF HEROES AND DIED SHORTLY AFTER FROM SLIPPING IN THE BATHTUB AT THE AGE OF 498
THEY SAY HE WAS CRAZY STRONG
AND I HEARD MARTIAL ARTIST DEMI GLACE IS HIS GRAND-SON
Social Studies 8th Grade
SS8
DON'T FART WHEN SOME-ONE'S BEHIND YOU!!
DUDE, THAT STINKS!!
IT RUNS IN THE BLOOD, HUH...
Social Studies 8th
HUH...?
LIKE THEY SAY, IT RUNS IN THE

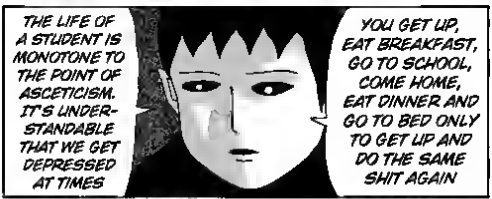
Misunderstanding
SFX: BONK
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO PICK ON ME, MAN!!
OW... SHIT
HEY, SATOU!! I TOLD YOU, NO CHEWING GUM AT SCHOOL !!!
SFX: TWITCH
ピクッ
HMPH... HAVE YOU NOT HEARD OF THE SAYING "A NAIL THAT STICKS OUT GETS HAMMERED DOWN"?
OHH... SO YOU WERE A NAIL, HUH?
SO, YEAH, NOT GONNA DO IT, LIKE ALWAYS
WELL, A NAIL THAT STICKS OUT GETS HAMMERED DOWN
Japanese Dictionary
TAROU, ARE YOU SKIPPING HOME-WORK AGAIN?
メキッ
SFX: CRACK

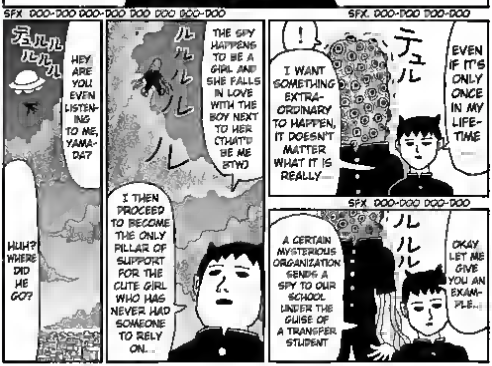
WELL, I'D GET TO SUCK ON DOROKO HEHEHE...
WHY THE HELL?
IF I WERE AN INSECT, I'D WANT TO BE A MOSQUITO
HA HA HA...
YEAH, SO? BEFORE THAT, I'D SUCK HER EVERY-WHERE... SUCK SUCK SUCK SUCK SUCK...
SHE'D JUST SWAT YOU WITH A SMACK
SFX SMACK
SFX BA-DUMP BA DUMP
NICE!
SFX. THROB THROB (PAIN)

SOB
SOB
SOB
SO, THE ONE WHO LICKED THE MOUTH-PIECE OF MISS HEDOMI'S RECORDER, PLEASE COME FORWARD
JUST ADMIT YOU DID IT NOW AND I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK
I'LL ASK ONLY ONE MORE TIME
SFX SILENCE
SFX CLATTER
—TSK, WHOEVER IT WAS, YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO ALL MEN!
YEAH, COME OUT CLEAN ALREADY!! WHICH ONE OF YOU COWARDLY CUNTS WAS IT!?
I WANT THE CULPRIT TO TURN THEMSELVES IN TO AVOID HAVING TO MAKE THEM, BUT...
IF POS-SIBLE ...

BA-DUMP
OH, TA-ROU
...
I FEEL BAD FOR HEDOMI AND IF THE CULPRIT DOESN'T GET PUNISHED NOW, THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS WILL HAVE TO SPEND THE REST OF THEIR SCHOOL LIFE WORRYING THAT THE SAME MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM TOO!!
IT'S OKAY, TEACH-ER!!
SFX: BANG
I WILL MAKE IT MY PERSONAL GOAL TO FIND AND STOP THE CULPRIT
ALRIGHT, LEAVE IT TO ME, TEACH-ER
CHATTER
CHATTER
RABBLE
CHATTER
RABBLE
CHATT
NO, YOU SEE
...
I ALREADY REQUESTED A DNA ANALYSIS OF THE SALIVA SAMPLE THAT WAS FOUND ON HER RECORDER AND RECEIVED THE RESULTS TODAY. I'LL READ THEM OUT NOW
EH?
RUSTLE


SCHOOL LIFE IS SO BORING
WELL, CAN'T REALLY BLAME THEM, I GUESS
ANOTHER STUDENT REFUSING TO GO TO SCHOOL, HUH...
I HEARD MURAYAMA FROM CLASS C STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL


THE LIFE OF A STUDENT IS MONOTONE TO THE POINT OF ASCETICISM. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT WE GET DEPRESSED AT TIMES
YOU GET UP, EAT BREAKFAST, GO TO SCHOOL, COME HOME, EAT DINNER AND GO TO BED ONLY TO GET UP AND DO THE SAME SHIT AGAIN


SFX. DOO-DOO DOO-DOO DOO DOO DOO-DOO
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HEY, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME, YAMADA?
HUH? WHERE DID HE GO?
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THE SPY HAPPENS TO BE A GIRL AND SHE FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE BOY NEXT TO HER (THAT'S BE ME BTW)
I THEN PROCEED TO BECOME THE ONLY PILLAR OF SUPPORT FOR THE CUTE GIRL WHO HAS NEVER HAD SOMEONE TO RELY ON...
SFX. DOO-DOO DOO-DOO
!
I WANT SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY TO HAPPEN, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS REALLY...
テュルル
EVEN IF IT'S ONLY ONCE IN MY LIFETIME...
SFX DOO-DOO DOO-DOO
A CERTAIN MYSTERIOUS ORGANIZATION SENDS A SPY TO OUR SCHOOL UNDER THE GUISE OF A TRANSFER STUDENT
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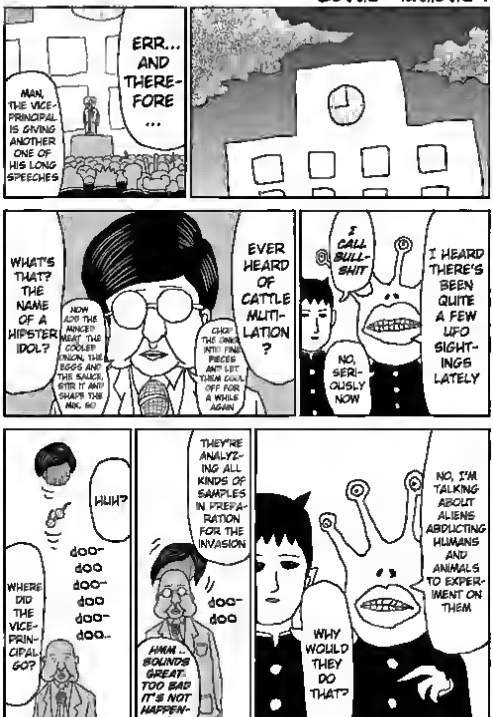
OKAY, LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE...

Cattle Mutilation

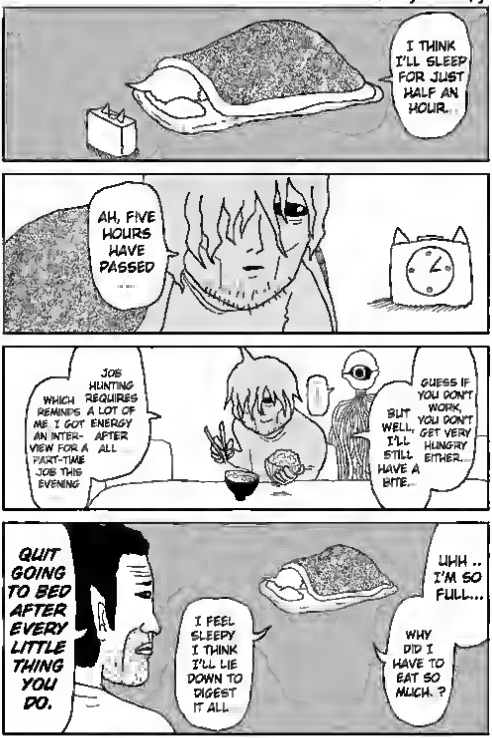

MAN, THE VICE-PRINCIPAL IS GIVING ANOTHER ONE OF HIS LONG SPEECHES
ERR... AND THEREFORE ...
I HEARD THERE'S BEEN QUITE A FEW UFO SIGHTINGS LATELY
I CALL BULLSHIT
NO, SERIOUSLY NOW
EVER HEARD OF CATTLE MUTILATION?
OKAY, THE ONES INTO FINE PIECES AND LET THEM COOL OFF FOR A WHILE AGAIN
NOW ADD THE MINCED MEAT, THE COOLED ONIONS, THE EGGS AND THE SAUCE, STIR IT AND SHAPE THE MIX, SO!
WHAT'S THAT? THE NAME OF A HIPSTER IDOL?
NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT ALIENS ABDUCTING HUMANS AND ANIMALS TO EXPERIMENT ON THEM
WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?
THEY'RE ANALYZING ALL KINDS OF SAMPLES IN PREPARATION FOR THE INVASION
DOO-DOO
HMM... SOUNDS GREAT. TOO BAD IT'S NOT HAPPENING...
HUH?
DOO-DOO DOO-DOO DOO DOO-DOO...
WHERE DID THE VICE-PRINCIPAL GO?

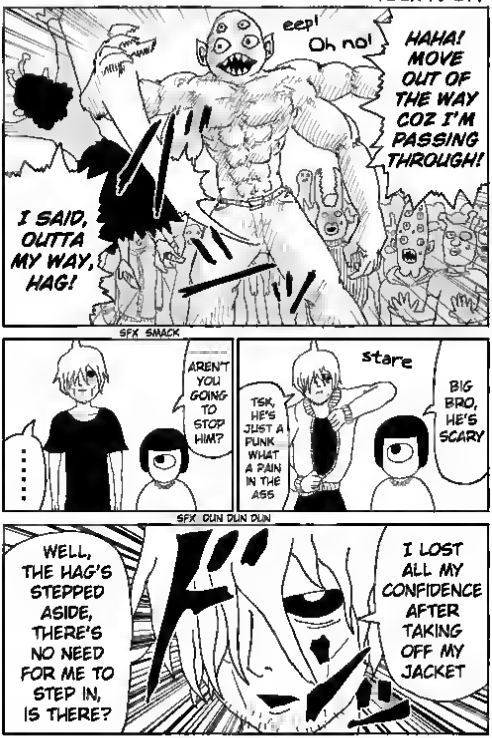
YOU WILL DIE WITHIN THIS YEAR!
AH, YES, YES, I SEE NOW! IF YOU DON'T SPRINKLE PURIFYING SALT ALL OVER YOUR BODY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
HOWEVER, PURCHASING A YEAR'S SUPPLY AT ONCE WILL BRING THE PRICE DOWN TO ONLY 180,000 YEN!
A MONTH'S SUPPLY OF OUR PURIFYING SALT SET COSTS 20,000 YEN...
Fortune telling stall
REAL-LY?
NO, BECAUSE IF I DO THAT, MY WHOLE FAMILY AND I WILL STARVE TO DEATH WITHIN THE YEAR.
IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR LIFE, DON'T YOU THINK !!?

SFX SSSSSS
Sad-sad Umbrella Sharing
YAMIE! I GOT ONE!!
I MEAN ERR
AND I DON'T HAVE AN UMBRELLA WITH ME
EEK! IT'S START-ING TO RAIN!
BA-DUMP
MIGHT BE A LITTLE SMALL FOR TWO THOUGH
BA-DUMP
HOPE YOU'RE OKAY WITH USING MY UMBRELLA
BA-DUMP
SFX BLUSH
SFX SST
SST
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
SFX SHHHHHH

Big Brother
THEY'RE THE ONLY THINGS WORTH LIVING FOR IN THIS WORLD
ALL HE EVER DOES IS LURK IN INTERNET FORUMS, READ WEB MANGA AND THE LIKE
CLICK CLACK
MY BIG BROTHER SPENDS ALL DAY, EVERYDAY SURFING IN THE INTERNET
HE'S HIDING SOME-THING IMPOR-TANT FROM ME
WHEW
BUT FROM TIME TO TIME THERE'S THIS GENTLE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE ALMOST AS IF HE'D JUST ATTAINED SOME SORT OF SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT THAT MADE ME SUSPECT
IS WHAT HE SAYS WITHOUT A CARE ABOUT HIS SELF-INDULGENT LIFESTYLE
CLICK CLICK
"WORK" ? BUT LAST TIME I CHECKED HE WAS UNEM-PLOYED
SO ONE DAY... I SNUCK A PEEK INTO HIS LAPTOP AND
NOW I SEE... THIS IS... IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW...
STUM-BLED UPON A FOLDER WITH A NAME THAT DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE
Games
Work

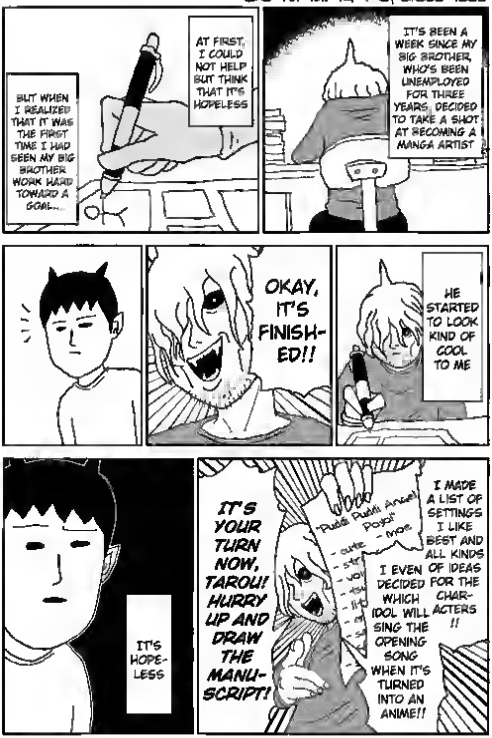
Always sleepy

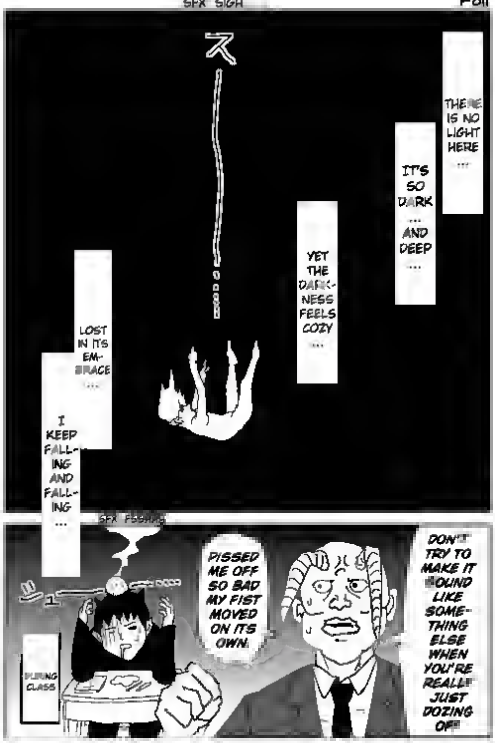

I THINK I'LL SLEEP FOR JUST HALF AN HOUR...
AH, FIVE HOURS HAVE PASSED
WHICH REMINDS ME. I GOT AN INTER-VIEW FOR A PART-TIME JOB THIS EVENING
JOB HUNTING REQUIRES A LOT OF ENERGY AFTER ALL
BUT WELL, I'LL STILL HAVE A BITE..
GUESS IF YOU DON'T WORK, YOU DON'T GET VERY HUNGRY EITHER..
QUIT GOING TO BED AFTER EVERY LITTLE THING YOU DO.
I FEEL SLEEPY I THINK I'LL LIE DOWN TO DIGEST IT ALL
UHH .. I'M SO FULL...
WHY DID I HAVE TO EAT SO MUCH..?


eep!
Oh no!
HAHA! MOVE OUT OF THE WAY COZ I'M PASSING THROUGH!
I SAID, OUTTA MY WAY, HAG!
SFX SMACK
AREN'T YOU GOING TO STOP HIM?
.....
stare
TSK, HE'S JUST A PUNK WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS
BIG BRO, HE'S SCARY
SFX DUN DUN DUN
WELL, THE HAG'S STEPPED ASIDE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO STEP IN, IS THERE?
I LOST ALL MY CONFIDENCE AFTER TAKING OFF MY JACKET

POPS ...
YUUJI, DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
I'M WORK-ING ON IT RIGHT NOW
HOW'S THE JOB HUNT GOING ALONG?
THAT AGAIN? I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY!
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE YOU QUIT YOUR JOB
AH, MY BAD
AT LEAST KNOCK BEFORE YOU COME IN!
NO, ACTUAL-LY...
OHH, WRITING YOUR RESUME, HUH?
I WAS TOO SCARED TO ASK WHAT EXACTLY HE WAS GOING TO TAKE A SHOT AT
POPS, I'M GOING TO TAKE A SERIOUS SHOT AT IT
I'M DRAWING MANGA
YOU'RE DEAD
I WILL KNOCK YOU UP
I WILL KNOCK YOU UP

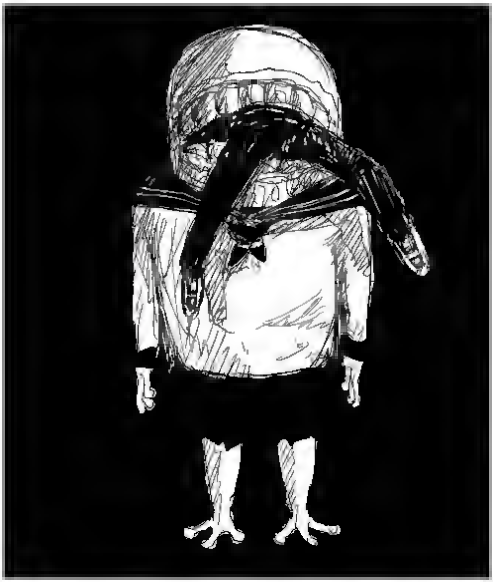
Continuing Hopelessness


AT FIRST, I COULD NOT HELP BUT THINK THAT IT'S HOPELESS
BUT WHEN I REALIZED THAT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD SEEN MY BIG BROTHER WORK HARD TOWARD A GOAL...
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE MY BIG BROTHER, WHO'S BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR THREE YEARS, DECIDED TO TAKE A SHOT AT BECOMING A MANGA ARTIST
OKAY, IT'S FINISH-ED!!
HE STARTED TO LOOK KIND OF COOL TO ME
IT'S HOPE-LESS
IT'S YOUR TURN NOW, TAROU! HURRY UP AND DRAW THE MANU-SCRIPT!
Puchi Puchi Angel Pojo! ~ moe
I EVEN DECIDED WHICH IDOL WILL SING THE OPENING SONG WHEN IT'S TURNED INTO AN ANIME!!
I MADE A LIST OF SETTINGS I LIKE BEST AND ALL KINDS OF IDEAS FOR THE CHAR-ACTERS !!


SFX: SIGH
THERE IS NO LIGHT HERE ...
IT'S SO DARK ... AND DEEP ...
YET THE DARKNESS FEELS COZY ...
LOST IN IT'S EMBRACE ...
I KEEP FALLING AND FALLING ...
SFX: FSSHHH
DURING CLASS
PISSED ME OFF SO BAD MY FIST MOVED ON ITS OWN.
DON'T TRY TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE SOMETHING ELSE WHEN YOU'RE REALLY JUST DOZING OFF!

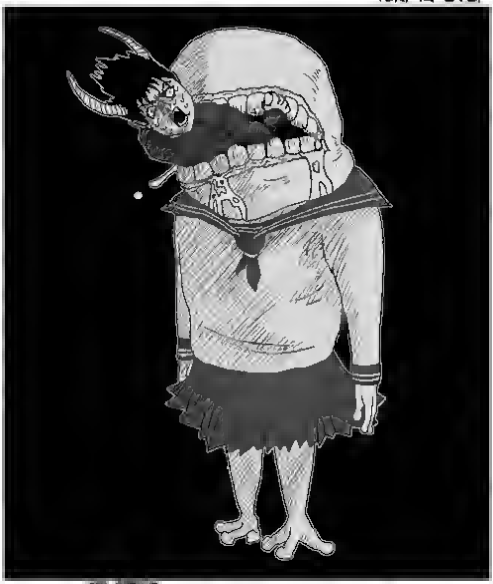
T/L NOTE: TABERU MEANS "TO EAT" IN JAPANESE

TABERU FROM CLASS 4 IS SO CUTE...
AND THE DROOL DRIPPING FROM HER MOUTH IT'S LIKE SHE'S ASKING FOR IT...
YEAH... SHE'S CUTE, ALRIGHT. THOUGH I BET SHE'S POPULAR WITH GUYS AND THUS WAY OUT OF OUR LEAGUE
...BUT I CAN'T HELP IT, I SERIOUSLY FELL IN LOVE WITH HER...
ACTUALLY, I THINK I'LL CONFESS MY LOVE TO HER AFTER SCHOOL TODAY
WHAT!? DON'T DO IT! YOU'LL JUST GET YOUR HEART BROKEN!
NAH, HEAR ME OUT. I CAME UP WITH A PLAN.
TABERU HAS A HEARTY APPETITE AND A PASSION FOR FOOD
SO I PRACTICED A LOT AND BAKED THESE COOKIES FOR HER...
HANDMADE COOKIES... I SEE. YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT IT. WIN HER HEART WITH YOUR COOKIES, MAN.
AFTER SCHOOL
OKAY, I'M OFF
IF MY PLAN IS A SUCCESS, I'LL COME OUT TOGETHER WITH HER FROM BEHIND THE SCHOOL!
OKAY. I'LL PICK UP YOUR PIECES IF IT FAILS
AFTER SOME TIME...



LOOKS LIKE YOU BEAT ME TO THE PUNCH, TAKEDA
HOPE YOU'LL BE HAPPY WITH HER!
OH, THEY CAME OUT TOGETH-ER...

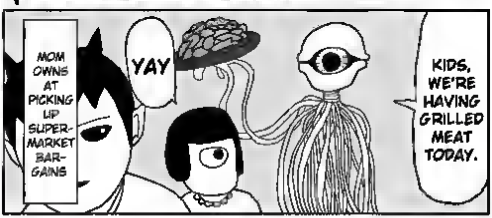
TODAY, WE HAVE A NEW TRANSFER STUDENT JOINING US
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR NEW CLASSMATES, MAEZAWA?
I'M MAEZAWA "THE JET-BLACK, EVIL DRAGON" HITOSHI
MAEZAWA "THE JET BLACK, EVIL DRAGON" HITOSHI
I'LL BE TAKING OVER THIS SCHOOL FROM TODAY ON
IF YOU GET IN MY WAY ...
!
SFX GLARE
I'LL KILL YOU!
THERE WILL BE A BATTLE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER !!



SFX MURMUR...

SFX MURMUR...

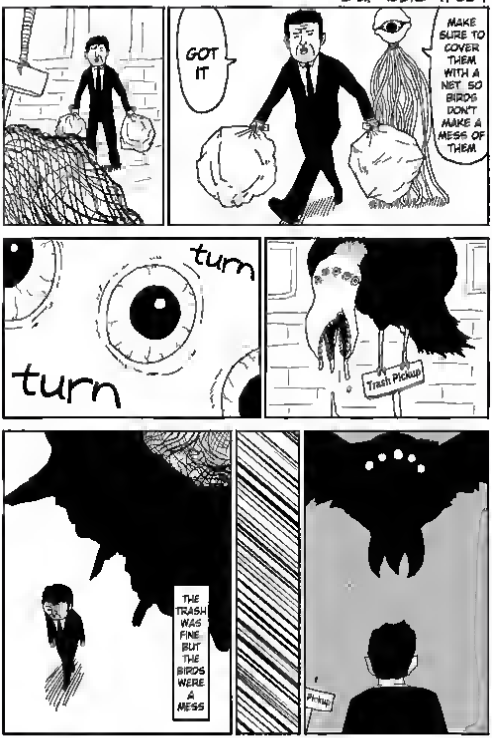
Great Battle
SFX: THUMP
SFX: GAHHH
SFX: CRACK
SFX: OHHHH
SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE


MOM OWNS AT PICKING UP SUPER-MARKET BAR-GAINS
YAY
KIDS, WE'RE HAVING GRILLED MEAT TODAY.

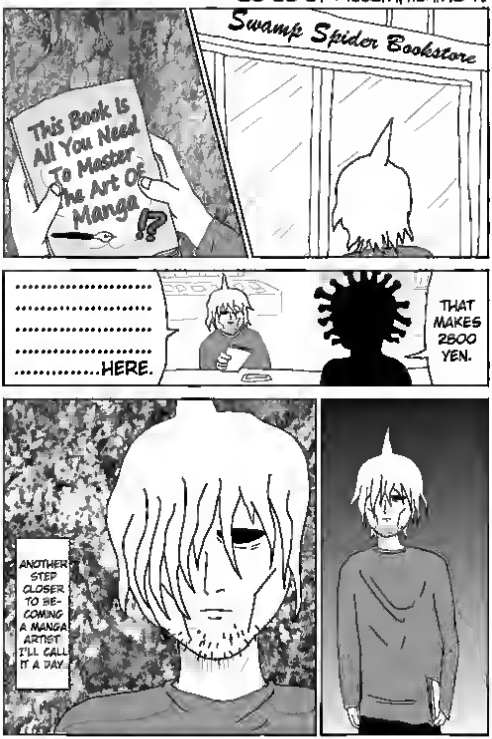
Newly-hired Employee

SO MUCH WORK LEFT
CLICK CLACK
AHH, SO BUSY, NEWLY-HIRED EMPLOYEES ARE SO BUSY AND THE BREAKS ARE SO SHORT
AHH, SO BUSY
I'M NEW HERE, BUT I GUESS THEY REALLY NEED ME
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW BUSY I AM
IT'S TOUGH WORKING FULL-TIME
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY
SO BUS-
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
HE DIDN'T COMPLAIN AGAIN
NOT BUSY ENOUGH IF YOU STILL HAVE THE TIME AND ENERGY TO COMPLAIN HERE, TAKE CARE OF THESE TOO
SFX: THUD

Burnable Trash


GOT IT
MAKE SURE TO COVER THEM WITH A NET SO BIRDS DON'T MAKE A MESS OF THEM
turn
turn
Trash Pickup
THE TRASH WAS FINE BUT THE BIRDS WERE A MESS
Pickup

Sense of Accomplishment



Expectations

Precious Summer Holidays

T/L NOTE: TSUNO MEANS "HORN" IN JAPANESE

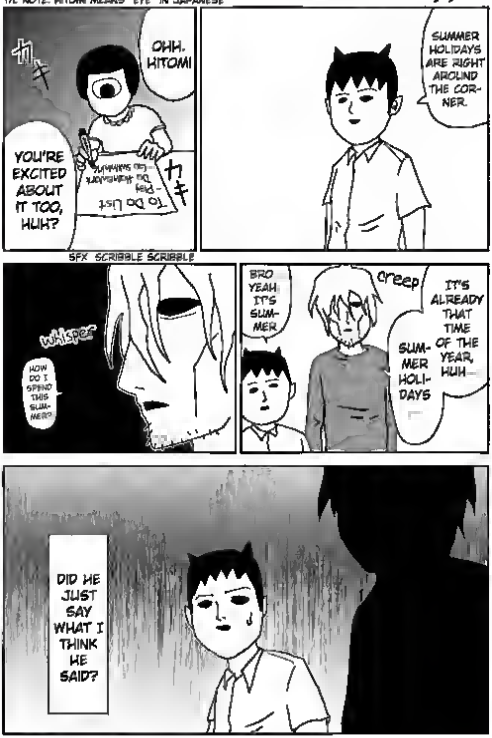
HELLO, MRS SUZUKI, THIS WATERMELON IS FOR YOU!
OH, HELLO, TSUNO, THANK YOU
SUP, TAROU
TSUNO FROM NEXT DOOR, TAROU'S UNWANTED CHILDHOOD FRIEND, CAME OVER TO PLAY
DO... DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?
SAY, TAROU ...
No, you don't
I'M SORRY, BUT ACTUALLY, I HAVE LOTS OF PLANS!
FRANTIC!
YES, I DO!
BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG! I-IT'S NOT LIKE I WANNA SPEND THE SUMMER WITH YOU OR ANYTHING. OKAY?
IF NOT, I COULD TAKE YOU WITH US TO OUR SUMMER COTTAGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Offset!!
TSUNO, YOU KEEP EATING SNACKS ALL THE TIME
crunch
crunch
crunch
WHOOPS, YOU'RE RIGHT, I'LL GAIN WEIGHT IF I'M NOT CAREFUL WITH MY DIET
Coke
fat free
BUT IT'S OK!
BECAUSE I DRINK DIET COKE TO COMPENSATE FOR IT!
GULP
GULP
GULP
GULP
BURP... AND I'M GOOD TO GO AGAIN!
DON'T MAKE EYE-CONTACT WITH HER.

I chose my words carefully

DO YOU LIKE IT? IS IT CUTE?
IT'S SO CUTE, ISN'T IT?
AH, YES, I WANTED TO SHOW YOU THIS, TAROU! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
ISN'T IT CUTE? ISN'T THIS PIC SUPER CUTE?
YEAH, THE CAT'S CUTE
.....
SFX: BLUSH
AH— WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ALL OF A SUDDEN?
NO
YOU'RE MAKING ME... BLUSH, TAROU ...
I SAID THE CAT IS CUTE ... GET IT?

T/L NOTE: HITOMI MEANS "EYE" IN JAPANESE

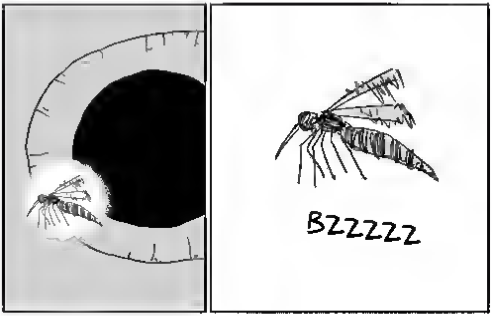

Same as every year
OHH. HITOMI
YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT IT TOO, HUH?
To Do List
SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.
SFX SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
whisper
HOW DO I SPEND THIS SUMMER?
BRO YEAH, IT'S SUMMER
creep
IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME OF THE YEAR, HUH...
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
DID HE JUST SAY WHAT I THINK HE SAID?

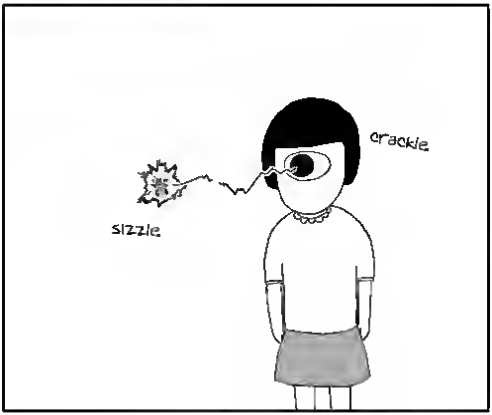
I WANT YOU TO BUY ME A CELL PHONE
YOU'RE STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. DO YOU REALLY NEED ONE?
YEAH, I NEED ONE EVERY-ONE HAS ONE
IF I FALL BEHIND THE TIMES AS A STUDENT, I'M SURE I'LL HAVE IT TOUGH WHEN I'M AN ADULT
WHAT WILL YOU USE IT FOR?
FOR MAILS AND CALLS
THIS IS THE AGE OF INFOR-MATION AFTER ALL.
HAVING MY OWN CELL PHONE WILL ALLOW ME TO REPORT, CONTACT AND CONSULT AT THE SAME TIME.
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO CONTACT OTHERS ABOUT?
YOU'RE STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I WANT TO EXCHANGE THE NEWEST INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL AND EXAMS WITH MY FRIENDS
WHAT'S MORE, THE INTERNET OFFERS A VAST AMOUNT OF INFOR-MATION ON ALL KINDS OF EXAMS

T/L NOTE:
MATHEMATICS II FOR LESSER DEVILS AA
EVEN CYCLOPES CAN LEARN JAPANESE
A FIELD GUIDE TO EDIBLE AND INEDIBLE MEAT
AN INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE-SCHOOL LINGO
HISTORY OF THE UNDERWORLD

SFX: THUD

Dissection



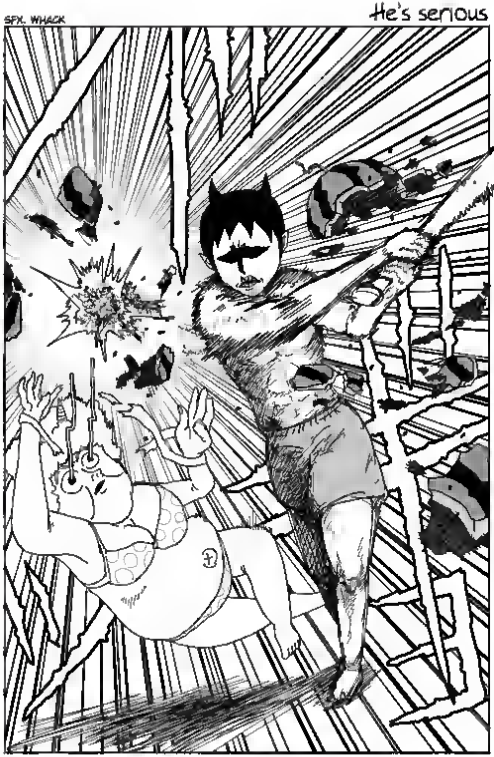


Difference in Body Size

YEAH
HITOMI, YOU WANNA GO TO THE BEACH TOO, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU WANNA GO TO THE BEACH?
HEY, TAROU, THE BEACH IS OPEN NOW!
.....
WHY DON'T YOU ACT LIKE A BIG BROTHER ONCE IN A WHILE?
HEAR THAT, TAROU?
YEAH, OKAY, LET'S GO SEPARATELY THEN
I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO THE BEACH THIS WEEK TOO! WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
AH!! BY THE WAY!
I WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH, BIG BROTHER
SEEP JUST TAKE THE POOR GIRL TO THE BEACH!
HITOMI, MAYBE HE'LL LISTEN IF YOU ASK HIM

Tension
cheer
cheer
chatter
chatter
WE ALL CAME TO THE BEACH
SFX WHOOSH
SFX WHOOSH
BRO, WHY DON'T YOU GO SWIM?
NAH, I'LL BE JUST WATCHING GO PLAY IF YOU WANT
NO THANKS I DON'T FEEL LIKE WEARING MYSELF OUT
OKAY, THEN
CAME ALONG AS A GUARDIAN
HITOMI, WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU FROM HERE, SO GO PLAY SOMETHING IF YOU WANT
COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE TIRED OKAY? WE SHOULD HEAD HOME BEFORE THE ROADS GET TOO CROWDED
AND WATCH OUT FOR LOLICONS
GULP
WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE..

Rule
LOOK WHAT I BROUGHT WITH ME! LET'S PLAY THE WATER-MELON SPLITTING GAME!
WE'VE COME ALL THE WAY TO THE BEACH, WE OUGHT TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF IT, DON'T YOU THINK?
SO, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CRACK IT OPEN, RIGHT?
!?
DON'T WORRY, I WILL FINISH IT IN ONE CLEAN HIT...
BATTLE SCENE IN THE NEXT CHAP-TER!!


SFX. WHACK
He's serious

COME ON, WAIT TILL I SAY GO TAROU! YOUR AIM WAS TOTALLY OFF TOO!
GOT CARRIED AWAY 'CAUSE IT'S SO FUN, HUH? YOU'RE STILL SOOO CUTE AND INNO-CENT, TAROU!
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はずしたッ！
I MISSED!

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SFX: FLOAT FLOAT
SFX: WHOOSH
SWIM BACK TO THE BEACH IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET EATEN!
OH DEVIL, IT'S A KRA-KEN!
!
SFX: KER-SPLASH

SFX: SLITHER
HOW TER-RIBLE!
BUT NO ONE CAN HELP HER NOW...
LOOK, A GIRL GOT CAUGHT
AHH!
TSUNOO!
HEY, THAT'S TSUNO, ISN'T IT..?
!
SFX: SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH
LET MR. KRA-KEN WIN ...
GOD, I BEG YOU... MAKE THIS WISH TRUE
YOU CAN DO IT
SHIT... ALL I CAN DO IS PRAY NOW, HUH
DON'T YOU DIE ON ME
LOOK FORWARD TO THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!!

Tension↑
LET'S COOK IT UP AND EAT IT TOGET-HER!

Max Tension

DON'T LET THIS PRECIOUS TIME THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU GO TO WASTE.
ONCE YOU BECOME WORKING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, YOU WON'T HAVE SUCH LONG VACATIONS.
KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU ONLY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF A LONG SUMMER VACATION AS STUDENTS.
THE SUMMER VACATION STARTS FOR YOU TOMORROW.
BONK
WE'RE GONNA PLAY AND HAVE FUN TILL WE DROP
FUCK, YEAH! SUMMER HOLIDAYS
HA HA HA
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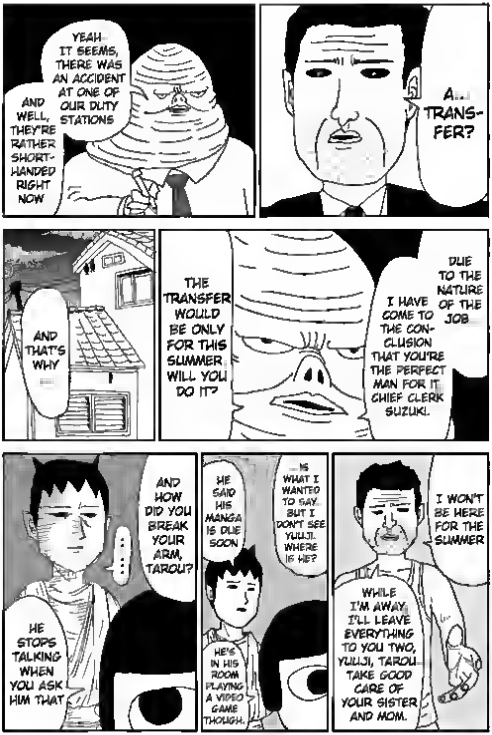
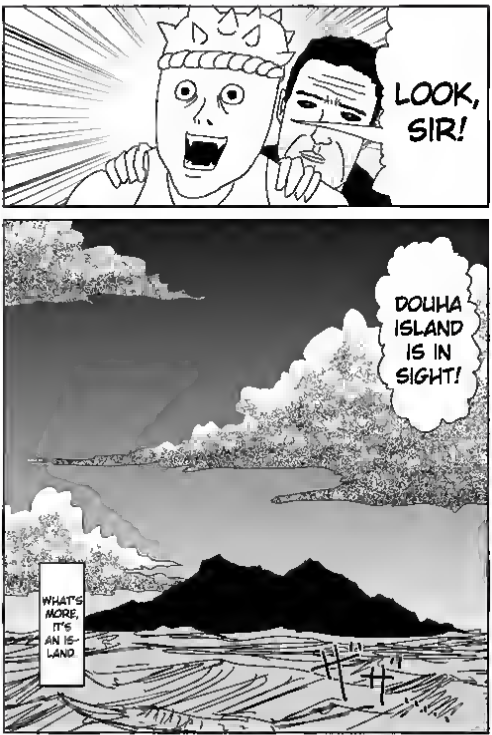
WHOA, TAROU, CALM DOWN, MAN
YOU DON'T WANNA GET INJURED RIGHT BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS


YEAH. IT SEEMS, THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AT ONE OF OUR DUTY STATIONS
AND WELL, THEY'RE RATHER SHORT-HANDED RIGHT NOW
A... TRANS-FER?
AND THAT'S WHY
THE TRANSFER WOULD BE ONLY FOR THIS SUMMER WILL YOU DO IT?
DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE JOB... I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU'RE THE PERFECT MAN FOR IT, CHIEF CLERK SUZUKI.
AND HOW DID YOU BREAK YOUR ARM, TAROU?
HE STOPS TALKING WHEN YOU ASK HIM THAT
HE SAID HIS MANGA IS DUE SOON
HE'S IN HIS ROOM PLAYING A VIDEO GAME THOUGH.
...IS WHAT I WANTED TO SAY. BUT I DON'T SEE YUUJI. WHERE IS HE?
I WON'T BE HERE FOR THE SUMMER
WHILE I'M AWAY, I'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING TO YOU TWO, YUUJI, TAROU. TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR SISTER AND MOM.

Expressionless Jet Skiing


LOOK, SIR!
DOUHA ISLAND IS IN SIGHT!
WHAT'S MORE, IT'S AN IS-LAND.
SFX WHOOSH

MR. SUZUKI, HUH? THANK YOU FOR COMING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE
Suzuki Tadashi (58)
.....
I'M SORRY, I DON'T FOLLOW YOU
?
CHIEF CLERK OF GENERAL AFFAIRS FROM THE HEAD OFFICE, HUH... I HOPE YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT
MY NAME IS FUJIMOTO I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU...
BECAUSE WE HAVE A BIT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION ON THIS ISLAND RIGHT NOW THIS IS NO TIME TO BE WORKING
NO, IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T GET AT ALL WHY THEY SENT YOU HERE AT SUCH A BAD TIME
BUT THIS SUMMER, IT'S GOTTEN WAY OUT OF HAND...
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A RATHER DANGEROUS PLACE FULL OF WILD ANIMALS

IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO STAND AROUND AND TALK IN THE MIDST OF A JUNGLE FOR VERY LONG
SO WHY DON'T WE WALK OVER TO OUR OFFICE FIRST?
...THERE ARE A LOT OF MOSQUI-TOES HERE
OH, THANK GOD, IT'S STILL SAFE
I PROUDLY PRESENT TO YOU THE DOUHA ISLAND BRANCH OFFICE

SFX: WHUMP
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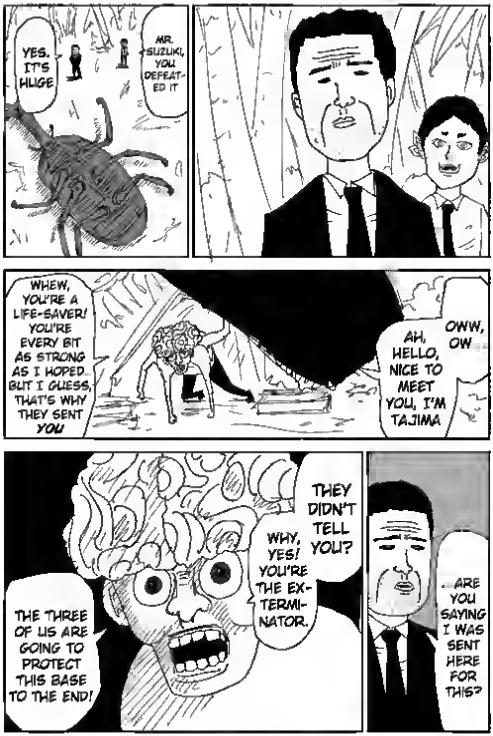
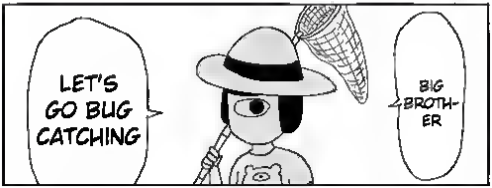
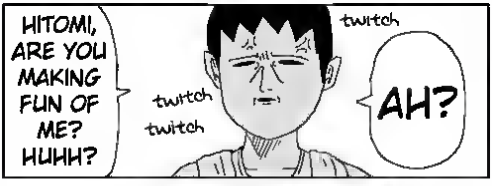
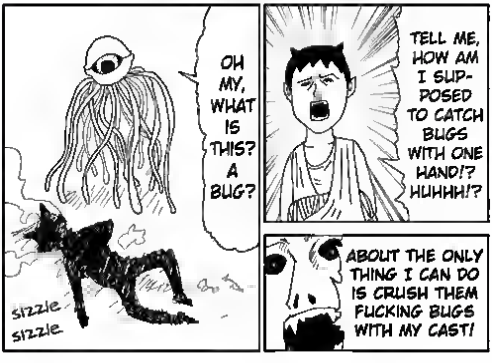
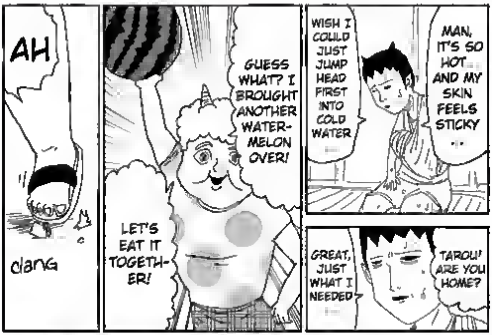
SFX: VARIOUS SMASHING AND BREAKING SOUNDS


YES. IT'S HUGE
MR. SUZUKI, YOU DEFEATED IT
WHEW, YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER! YOU'RE EVERY BIT AS STRONG AS I HOPED. BUT I GUESS, THAT'S WHY THEY SENT YOU
OWW, OW
AH, HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M TAJIMA
THE THREE OF US ARE GOING TO PROTECT THIS BASE TO THE END!
WHY, YES! YOU'RE THE EXTERMINATOR.
THEY DIDN'T TELL YOU?
...ARE YOU SAYING I WAS SENT HERE FOR THIS?

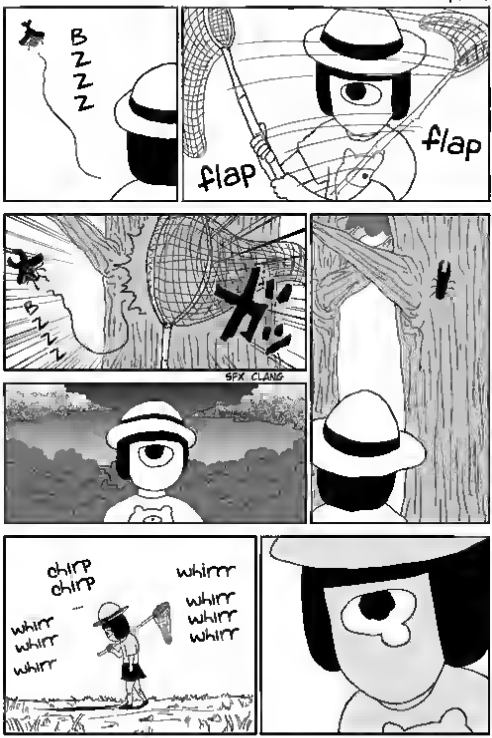

LET'S GO BUG CATCHING
BIG BROTH-ER


HITOMI, ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME? HUHH?
twitch
twitch
twitch
AH?


OH MY, WHAT IS THIS? A BUG?
sizzle
sizzle
TELL ME, HOW AM I SUP-POSED TO CATCH BUGS WITH ONE HAND!? HUHHH!?
ABOUT THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS CRUSH THEM FUCKING BUGS WITH MY CAST!


AH
clang
LET'S EAT IT TOGETHER!
GUESS WHAT? I BROUGHT ANOTHER WATER-MELON OVER!
WISH I COULD JUST JUMP HEAD FIRST INTO COLD WATER
MAN, IT'S SO HOT... AND MY SKIN FEELS STICKY
GREAT, JUST WHAT I NEEDED
TAROU! ARE YOU HOME?

SFX SMASH


BZZZ
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SFX CLANG
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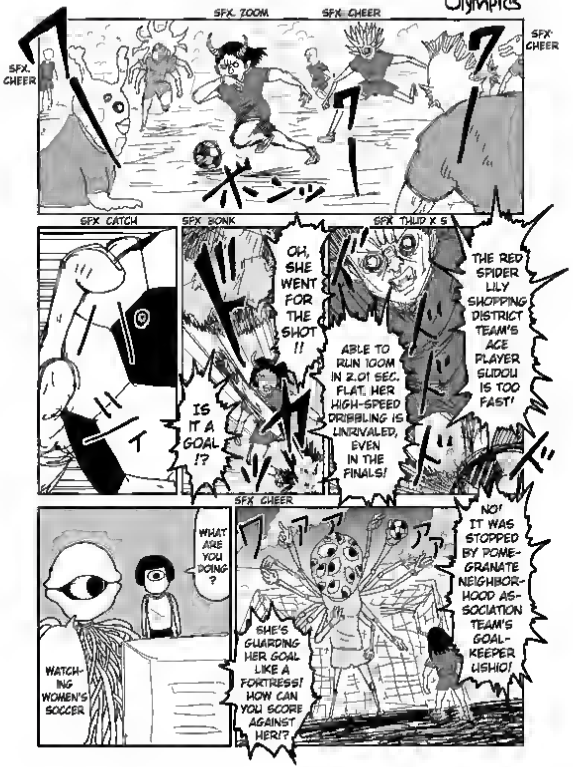
Gathering


Olympics
SFX. CHEER
SFX. ZOOM
SFX. CHEER
SFX. CHEER
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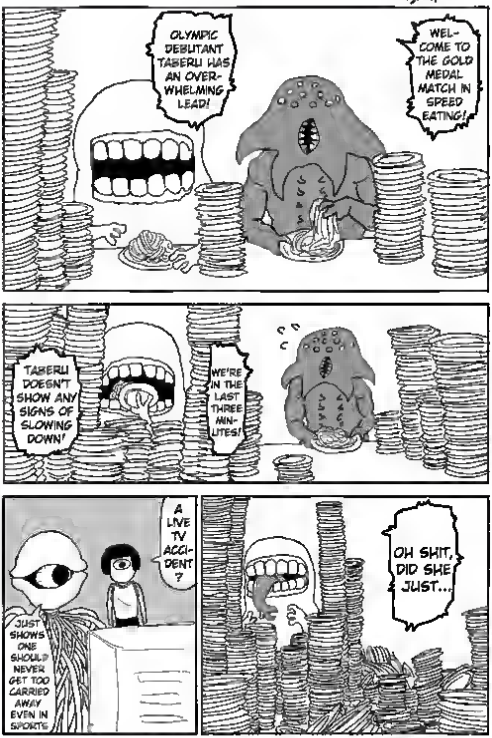
SFX CATCH
SFX BONK
SFX THUD X 5
OH, SHE WENT FOR THE SHOT!!
IS IT A GOAL!?
ABLE TO RUN 100M IN 2.01 SEC. FLAT, HER HIGH-SPEED DRIBBLING IS UNRIVALED, EVEN IN THE FINALS!
THE RED SPIDER LILY SHOPPING DISTRICT TEAM'S ACE PLAYER SUDOU IS TOO FAST!
SFX CHEER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WATCHING WOMEN'S SOCCER
SHE'S GUARDING HER GOAL LIKE A FORTRESS! HOW CAN YOU SCORE AGAINST HER!?
NO! IT WAS STOPPED BY POMEGRANATE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TEAM'S GOALKEEPER USHIO!

SFX. SPIN
OH!
SFX. GRAB
THE DUAL METAL MATCH HAS JUST BEGUN
SFX. FWOOSH
SFX. SPIN X 5
IT'S SHIRATORI'S FAMOUS
GRAB SPIN KNOCKDOWN!
SFX. CLENCH.
TACHIBANA SOMEHOW LANDED ON HIS FEET! NOW WHAT'LL HE DO FROM THIS POSTURE!?
HE WITHSTOOD IT!
!?
SFX. GRAB
SFX. SLAM

SFX: GRIP
TACHIBANA LIFTS HIM AND
SFX: THUMP
KNOCKS HIM DOWN!!!
SFX: CHEER
WHAT DOES THE JU IN JUDO STAND FOR?
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS, DEAR
TACHIBANA WINS GOLD MEDAL IN AN IMPRESSIVE WAY!
IPPON FOR DRIVING THE OPPONENT INTO THE MAT!!

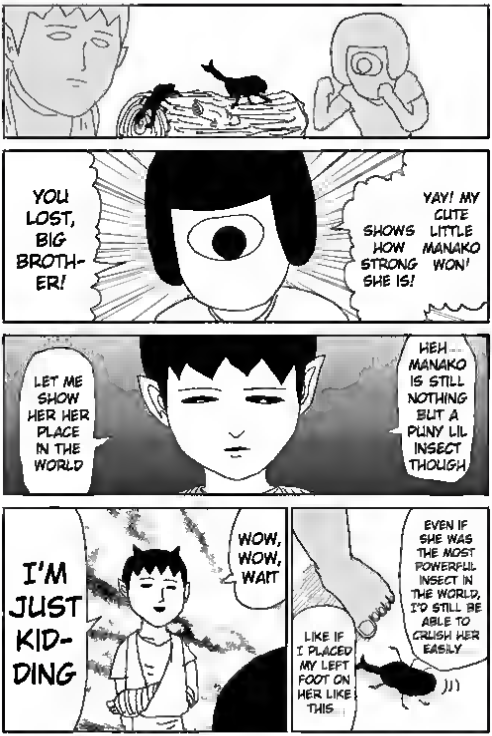
T/L NOTE: THE JU IN JUDO ACTUALLY STANDS FOR "GENTLE" AND JUDO MEANS "GENTLE WAY", IMPLYING THAT GENTLE METHODS USING THE OPPONENT'S POWER ARE OFTEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN BRUTE FORCE. BUT IT SEEMS, THE ORIGINAL NOTION OF JUDO HAS GOTTEN LOST IN THE UNDERWORLD.

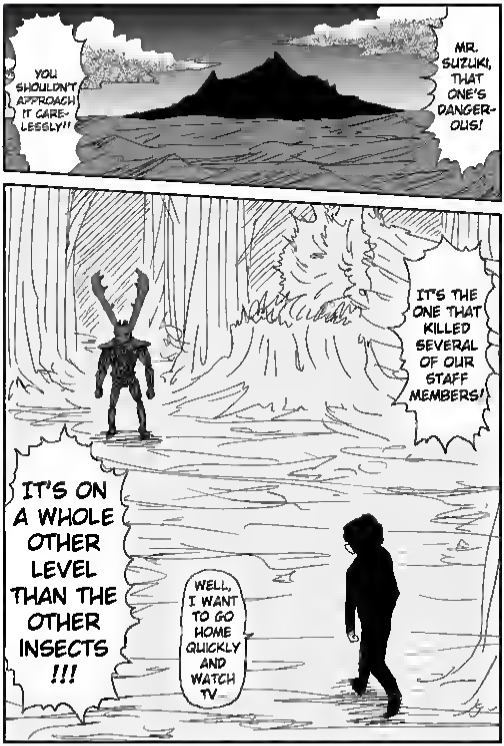
Olympics 3

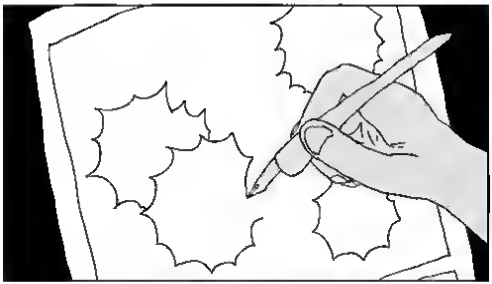

OLYMPIC DEBUTANT TABERLI HAS AN OVERWHELMING LEAD!
WELCOME TO THE GOLD MEDAL MATCH IN SPEED EATING!
TABERLI DOESN'T SHOW ANY SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN!
WE'RE IN THE LAST THREE MINUTES!
A LIVE TV ACCIDENT?
JUST SHOWS ONE SHOULD NEVER GET TOO CARRIED AWAY EVEN IN SPORTS
OH SHIT, DID SHE JUST...

Olympics 4

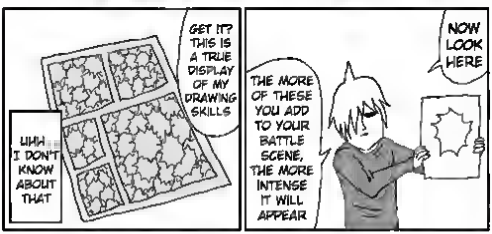
SFX. CHEER X 3
SFX. POW POW WHACK
WHO'D WIN IN A FIGHT? HIM OR DADDY?
HM. YOUR DADDY HAS METABOLIC SYNDROME


YOU LOST, BIG BROTHER!
YAY! MY CUTE LITTLE MANAKO WON! SHOWS HOW STRONG SHE IS!
LET ME SHOW HER HER PLACE IN THE WORLD
HEH... MANAKO IS STILL NOTHING BUT A PUNY LIL INSECT THOUGH
I'M JUST KIDDING
WOW, WOW, WAIT
LIKE IF I PLACED MY LEFT FOOT ON HER LIKE THIS
EVEN IF SHE WAS THE MOST POWERFUL INSECT IN THE WORLD, I'D STILL BE ABLE TO CRUSH HER EASILY

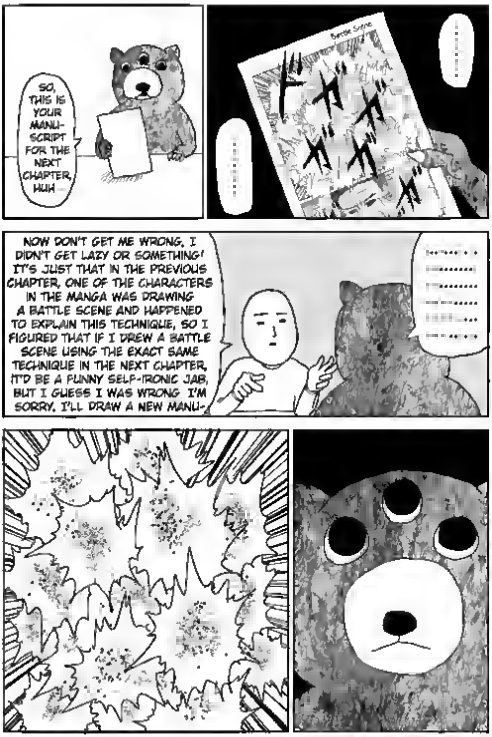

MR. SUZUKI, THAT ONE'S DANGER-OUS!
YOU SHOULDN'T APPROACH IT CARE-LESSLY!!
IT'S THE ONE THAT KILLED SEVERAL OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS!
IT'S ON A WHOLE OTHER LEVEL THAN THE OTHER INSECTS !!!
WELL, I WANT TO GO HOME QUICKLY AND WATCH TV



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO YOU? IT'S A BATTLE SCENE, OBVIOUSLY
WHAT IS THAT?


GET IT? THIS IS A TRUE DISPLAY OF MY DRAWING SKILLS
UHH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT
NOW LOOK HERE
THE MORE OF THESE YOU ADD TO YOUR BATTLE SCENE, THE MORE INTENSE IT WILL APPEAR

Battle Scene


SO, THIS IS YOUR MANU-SCRIPT FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER, HUH
Panda Sense
NOW DON'T GET ME WRONG, I DIDN'T GET LAZY OR SOMETHING! IT'S JUST THAT IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER, ONE OF THE CHARACTERS IN THE MANGA WAS DRAWING A BATTLE SCENE AND HAPPENED TO EXPLAIN THIS TECHNIQUE, SO I FIGURED THAT IF I DREW A BATTLE SCENE USING THE EXACT SAME TECHNIQUE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER, IT'D BE A FUNNY SELF-IRONIC JAB, BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG I'M SORRY, I'LL DRAW A NEW MANU-

We forgot
SFX. PING PONG
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ポーン
SUZUKI
SFX. RUSTLE RUSTLE
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YES?
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GIVE ME A SEC
HEY, TAROU, ARE YOU FREE TODAY? LET'S GO PLAY
SFX. THUD THUD THUD
WE'RE GOING TO PLAY BASE-BALL OOPS!
THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME THIS HAS HAPPEN-ED THIS SUMMER
SFX. KER-CHAK
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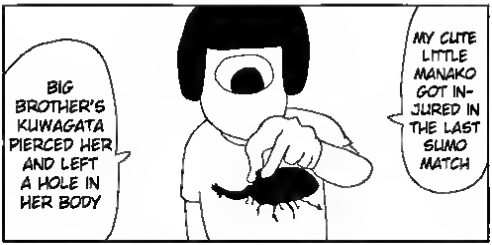
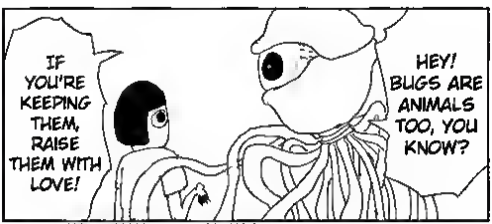
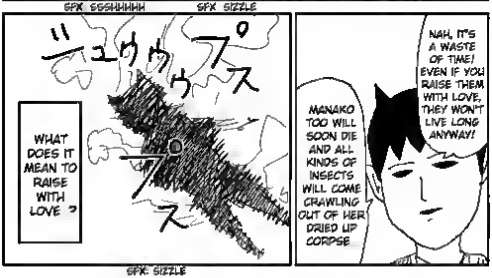
AL-RIGHT, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

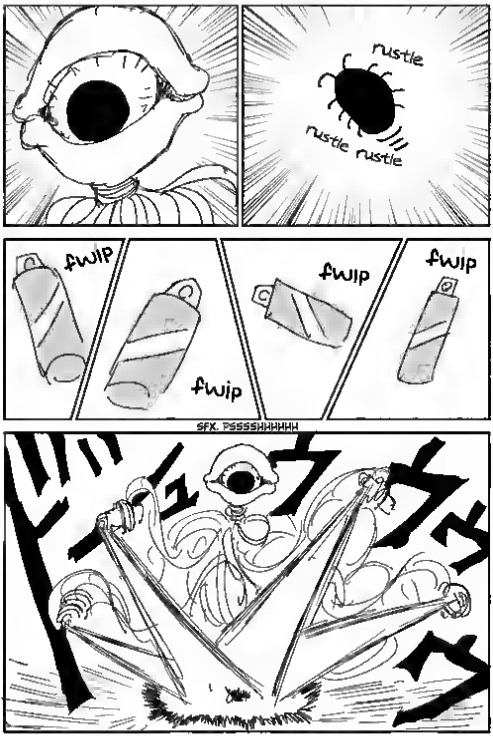
SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE HALF OVER!?

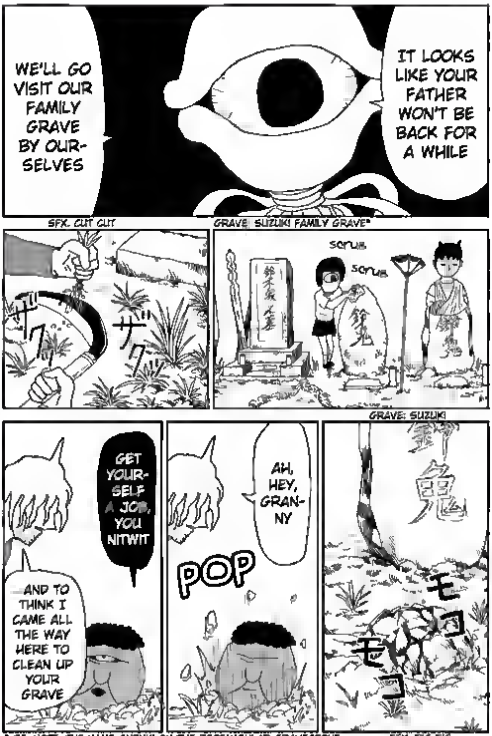

BIG BROTHER'S KUWAGATA PIERCED HER AND LEFT A HOLE IN HER BODY
MY CUTE LITTLE MANAKO GOT IN-JURED IN THE LAST SUMO MATCH


IF YOU'RE KEEPING THEM, RAISE THEM WITH LOVE!
HEY! BUGS ARE ANIMALS TOO, YOU KNOW?
SFX: SSSHHHHH
SFX: SIZZLE

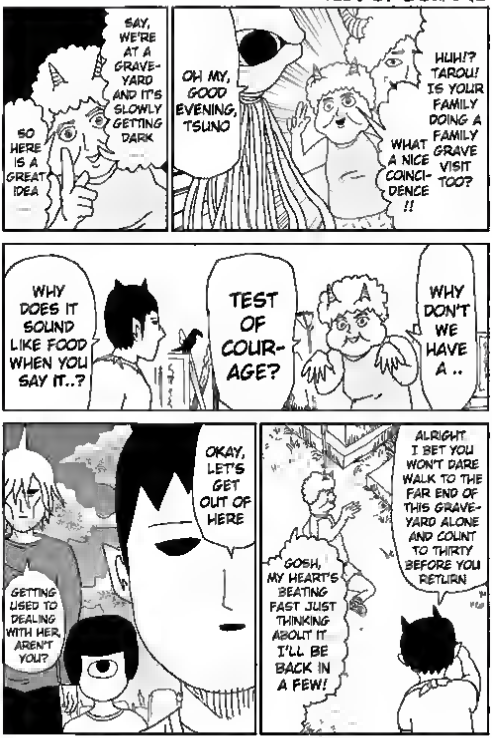

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RAISE WITH LOVE ?
MANAKO TOO WILL SOON DIE AND ALL KINDS OF INSECTS WILL COME CRAWLING OUT OF HER DRIED UP CORPSE
NAH, IT'S A WASTE OF TIME! EVEN IF YOU RAISE THEM WITH LOVE, THEY WON'T LIVE LONG ANYWAY!
SFX: SIZZLE

Concentrated Fire




WE'LL GO VISIT OUR FAMILY GRAVE BY OURSELVES
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR FATHER WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE
SFX: CUT CUT
GRAVE: SUZUKI FAMILY GRAVE*
SORUB
SORUB
GRAVE: SUZUKI
GET YOURSELF A JOB, YOU NITWIT
AND TO THINK I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO CLEAN UP YOUR GRAVE
AH, HEY, GRANNY
POP
SFX: DIG DIG

* YA NOTE: THE NAME SUZUKI ON THE RECTANGULAR GRAVESTONE IS WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR BELL AND TREE WHICH IS VERY COMMON FOR THE NAME SUZUKI, WHILE THE FAMILY NAME SUZUKI OF TAROU'S FAMILY IS WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR BELL AND DEMON I'LL CHANGE THIS NOTE ONCE I KNOW THE REASON FOR THE TWO DIFFERENT FAMILY NAMES.


SAY, WE'RE AT A GRAVE-YARD AND IT'S SLOWLY GETTING DARK
SO HERE IS A GREAT IDEA
OH MY, GOOD EVENING, TSUNO
HUH!? TAROU! IS YOUR FAMILY DOING A FAMILY GRAVE VISIT TOO?
WHAT A NICE COINCI-DENCE !!
WHY DOES IT SOUND LIKE FOOD WHEN YOU SAY IT..?
TEST OF COUR-AGE?
WHY DON'T WE HAVE A ..
OKAY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
GETTING USED TO DEALING WITH HER, AREN'T YOU?
ALRIGHT I BET YOU WON'T DARE WALK TO THE FAR END OF THIS GRAVE-YARD ALONE AND COUNT TO THIRTY BEFORE YOU RETURN
GOSH, MY HEART'S BEATING FAST JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW!

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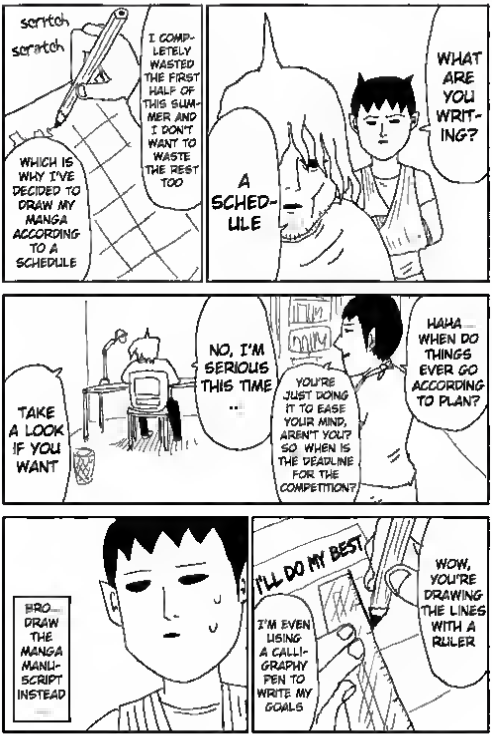
WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S SCARY

A Belated Schedule


scritch
scratch
I COMPLETELY WASTED THE FIRST HALF OF THIS SUMMER AND I DON'T WANT TO WASTE THE REST TOO
WHICH IS WHY I'VE DECIDED TO DRAW MY MANGA ACCORDING TO A SCHEDULE
WHAT ARE YOU WRITING?
A SCHEDULE
HAHA... WHEN DO THINGS EVER GO ACCORDING TO PLAN?
YOU'RE JUST DOING IT TO EASE YOUR MIND, AREN'T YOU? SO WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE COMPETITION?
NO, I'M SERIOUS THIS TIME ...
TAKE A LOOK IF YOU WANT
WOW, YOU'RE DRAWING THE LINES WITH A RULER
I'LL DO MY BEST
I'M EVEN USING A CALLIGRAPHY PEN TO WRITE MY GOALS
BRO... DRAW THE MANGA MANUSCRIPT INSTEAD

I THINK WE GOT RID OF [redacted] OF THE BUGS
I WANT TO GO HOME QUICKLY
GOT A CUTE SON WAITING FOR YOU AT HOME, HUH?
HAHAHA HE'S NOT CUTE AT ALL

Big Game

A PICTLIRE DIARY?
Class 2-3 Sensei
TREMBLE
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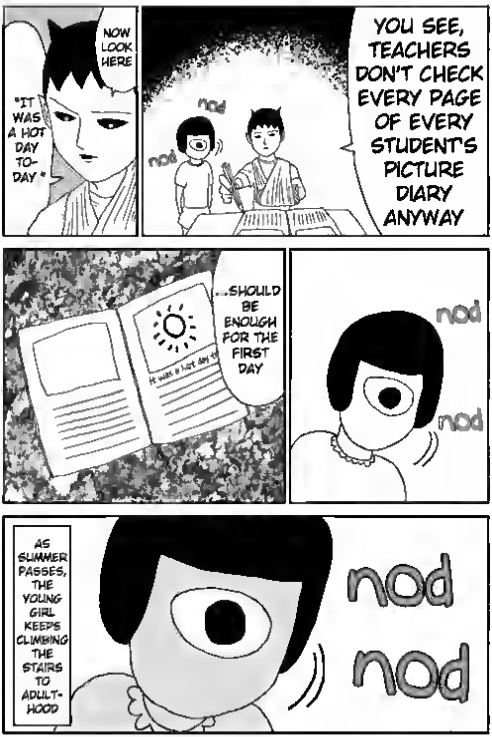
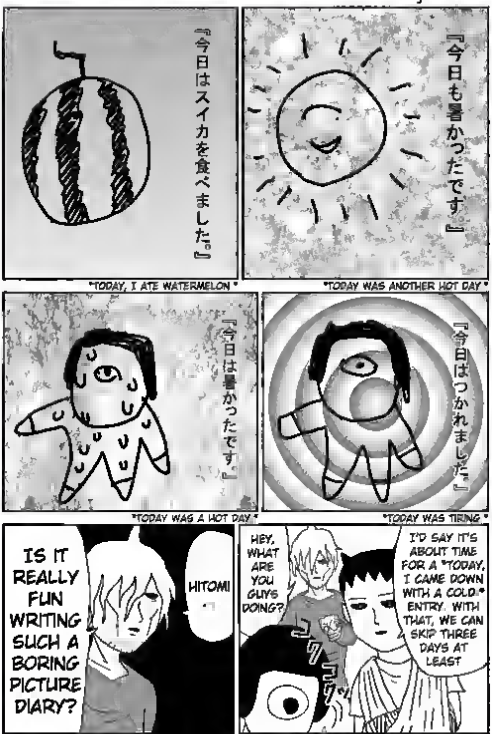
TREMBLE
WHAT'S THAT?
HUH? WHY'RE YOU CRYING?
Picture Diary
Class 2-3 Sensei
Picture Diary
AND YOU'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT UNTIL NOW?
nod
nod
HITOMI... IS THIS PART OF YOUR SUMMER HOME-WORK?
SFX. SSSHHHHHH
SFX SIZZLE
CAN'T TAKE A JOKE CAN YOU
FINE. HAND IT OVER, I'LL HELP YOU
SFX SIZZLE SIZZLE
Shake
Shake
SKIPPING SUMMER HOME-WORK IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, ARE YOU EVEN AWARE OF IT?
THEY KICK PEOPLE OUT OF SCHOOL FOR THIS, Y'KNOW? I'M JUST GLAD IT'S NOT MY PROBLEM
Shake
SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE HALF OVER AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T WRITTEN A SINGLE ENTRY SO FAR
AHH, THIS IS BAD ... YOU THINK YOU CAN SURVIVE IN SOCIETY WITH AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT?


"IT WAS A HOT DAY TO-DAY."
NOW LOOK HERE
nod
nod
YOU SEE, TEACHERS DON'T CHECK EVERY PAGE OF EVERY STUDENT'S PICTURE DIARY ANYWAY
...SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE FIRST DAY
nod
nod
AS SUMMER PASSES, THE YOUNG GIRL KEEPS CLIMBING THE STAIRS TO ADULT-HOOD
nod
nod


『今日も暑かったです。』
"TODAY WAS ANOTHER HOT DAY."
『今日はスイカを食べました。』
"TODAY, I ATE WATERMELON."
『今日は暑かったです。』
"TODAY WAS A HOT DAY."
『今日はつかれました。』
"TODAY WAS TIRING."
HITOMI
IS IT REALLY FUN WRITING SUCH A BORING PICTURE DIARY?
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
I'D SAY IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR A "TODAY, I CAME DOWN WITH A COLD." ENTRY. WITH THAT, WE CAN SKIP THREE DAYS AT LEAST
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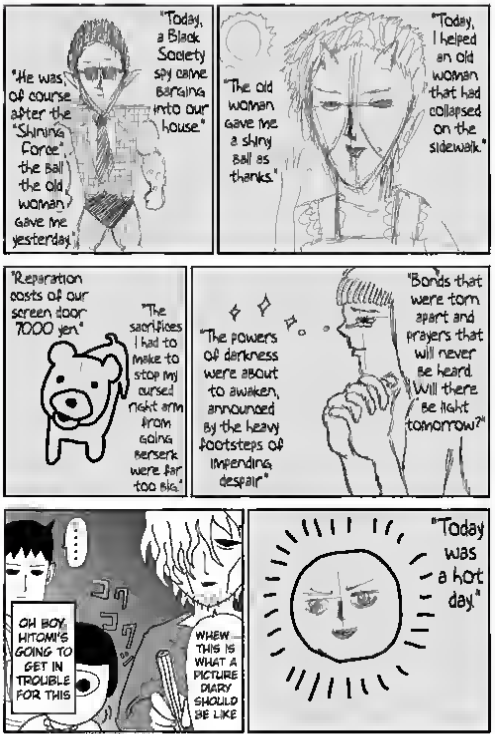
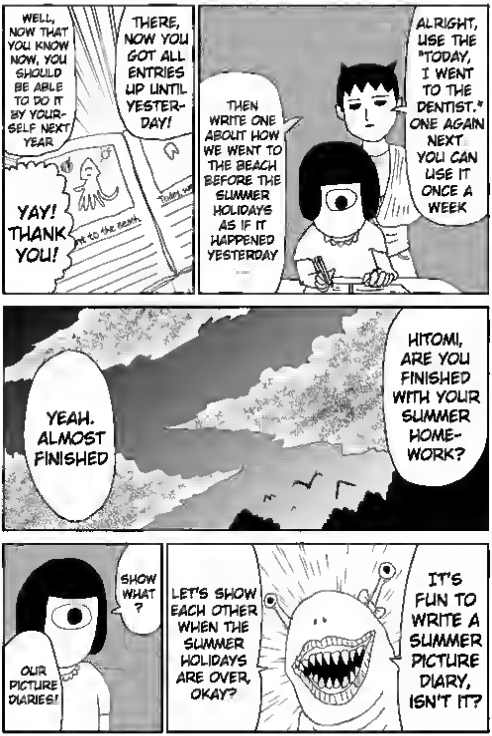
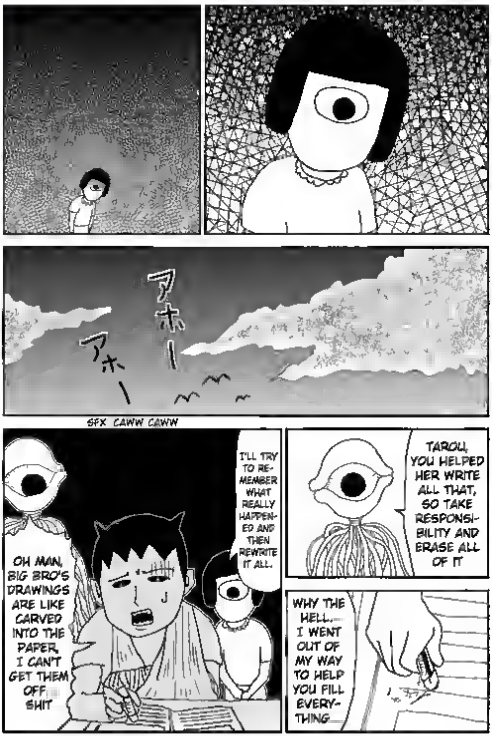
SFX NOD NOD

A Model Picture Diary


"Today, a Black Society spy came barging into our house."
"He was, of course after the "Shining Force", the ball the old woman gave me yesterday."
"Today, I helped an old woman that had collapsed on the sidewalk."
"The old woman gave me a shiny ball as thanks."
"Reparation costs of our screen door 7000 yen."
"The sacrifices I had to make to stop my cursed right arm from going berserk were far too big."
"The powers of darkness were about to awaken, announced By the heavy footsteps of impending despair"
"Bonds that were torn apart and prayers that will never be heard. Will there be light tomorrow?"
OH BOY, HITOMI'S GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE FOR THIS
WHEW— THIS IS WHAT A PICTURE DIARY SHOULD BE LIKE
"Today was a hot day."
BFK. NOD NOD


WELL, NOW THAT YOU KNOW NOW, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT BY YOURSELF NEXT YEAR
THERE, NOW YOU GOT ALL ENTRIES UP UNTIL YESTERDAY!
YAY! THANK YOU!
Today, I went to the dentist.
ALRIGHT, USE THE "TODAY, I WENT TO THE DENTIST." ONE AGAIN NEXT. YOU CAN USE IT ONCE A WEEK
THEN WRITE ONE ABOUT HOW WE WENT TO THE BEACH BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AS IF IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY
HITOMI, ARE YOU FINISHED WITH YOUR SUMMER HOMEWORK?
YEAH. ALMOST FINISHED
SHOW WHAT ?
OUR PICTURE DIARIES!
LET'S SHOW EACH OTHER WHEN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, OKAY?
IT'S FUN TO WRITE A SUMMER PICTURE DIARY, ISN'T IT?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SFX CAWW CAWW
OH MAN, BIG BRO'S DRAWINGS ARE LIKE CARVED INTO THE PAPER, I CAN'T GET THEM OFF. SHIT
I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AND THEN REWRITE IT ALL.
TAROU, YOU HELPED HER WRITE ALL THAT, SO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND ERASE ALL OF IT
WHY THE HELL... I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO HELP YOU FILL EVERYTHING...

ONE WEEK OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS LEFT...
GUESS IT'S TIME I CHECK WHAT I GOT FOR SUMMER HOMEWORK, HUH...

OH NO! THIS MEAT ...
Pork
WE CAN'T EAT IT ANY-MORE
EXPIRED ONE MONTH AGO
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AH!
SFX: KER-CHAK
.....
YUUJI, HOW'S THE PORK FRIED WITH GINGER TODAY?
SAME AS ALWAYS.

Perseverance makes you stronger

TWO MONTHS LATER

MR. SUZUKI ...
TRUTH IS THE DOLIKA ISLAND DUTY STATION ISN'T PART OF THE COMPANY IT'S THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE HOLIDAY RESORT...
THERE'S NO NEED TO RISK YOUR LIFE FOR THIS RUN AWAY
RUNNING AWAY NOW WOULDN'T HAVE ANY CONSE-QUENCES FOR YOU
SFX: CRACK CRACK SNAP... CRACK...
SFX: SNAP... RIP RIP CRACK CRACK
WE WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE TO BRING THEM DOWN TO ONE...
NO WAY

SFX: CRACK
MIGHT AS WELL END IT NOW
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO FINISH WORK ON TIME TODAY

rumble rumble rumble rumble
SFX CRACK
SFX THUMP
SFX SLIDE
BURST!!!
SFX SNIFF

I REALLY NEED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT MY BEER BELLY ...
CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HAVING TROUBLE HUNTING BUGS
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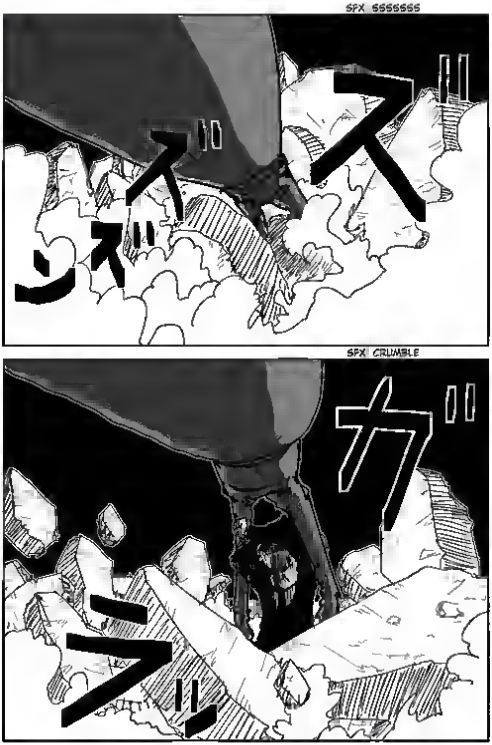
SFX: TRUDGE
SFX WHACK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SFX: CRUMBLE
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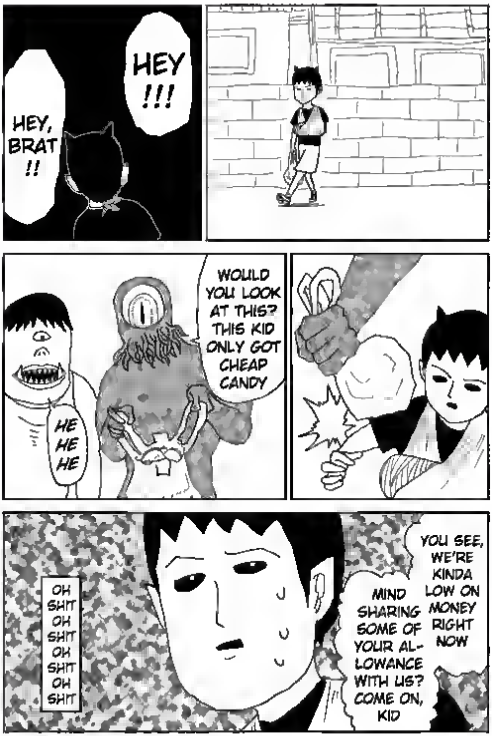
HEY !!!
HEY, BRAT !!
WOULD YOU LOOK AT THIS? THIS KID ONLY GOT CHEAP CANDY
HE HE HE
YOU SEE, WE'RE KINDA LOW ON MONEY RIGHT NOW
MIND SHARING SOME OF YOUR ALLOWANCE WITH US? COME ON, KID
OH SHIT OH SHIT OH SHIT OH SHIT

SURE, I'LL GIVE YOU MY WALLET! HEHE! HERE IT IS!!
sst
A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER LIKE YOU BETTER NOT MESS WITH US HIGH-SCHOOLERS
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GIVE US YOUR WALLET, KID
stare
HEHE, I'M VERY SORRY!
DON'T SPEND ALL YOUR ALLOW-ANCE ON SWEETS, MAN
...ONLY 18 YEN? WHAT'S THIS? A BAD JOKE?
SFX: STARE
THIS IS SO LAME KID AIN'T GOT NO MONEY ON HIM
AH. FUCK BEAT IT KID
!?
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WELL SHIT GUESS THE BAG OF CANDY WILL HAVE TO DO
THIS TIME WE'RE LETTING YOU OFF WITH JUST THIS
HEHE! I'M VERY GRATE-FUL!
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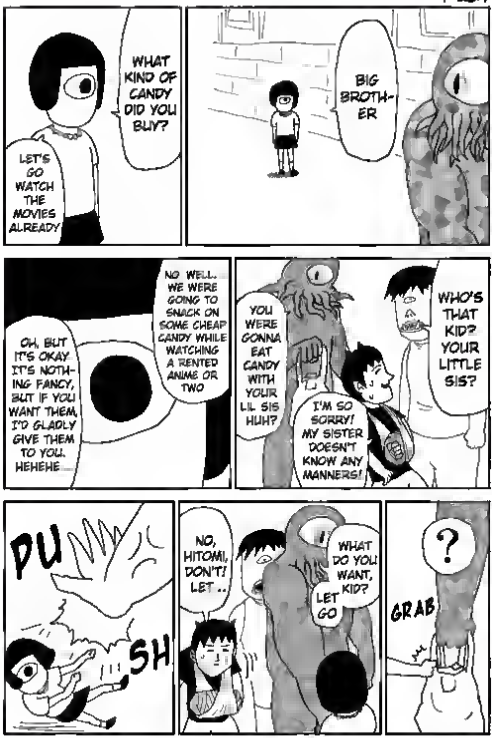
LET'S GO WATCH THE MOVIES ALREADY
WHAT KIND OF CANDY DID YOU BUY?
BIG BROTH-ER
OH, BUT IT'S OKAY IT'S NOTHING FANCY, BUT IF YOU WANT THEM, I'D GLADLY GIVE THEM TO YOU. HEHEHE
NO WELL.. WE WERE GOING TO SNACK ON SOME CHEAP CANDY WHILE WATCHING A RENTED ANIME OR TWO
YOU WERE GONNA EAT CANDY WITH YOUR LIL SIS HUH?
I'M SO SORRY! MY SISTER DOESN'T KNOW ANY MANNERS!
WHO'S THAT KID? YOUR LITTLE SIS?
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NO, HITOMI, DON'T! LET ..
WHAT DO YOU WANT, KID?
LET GO
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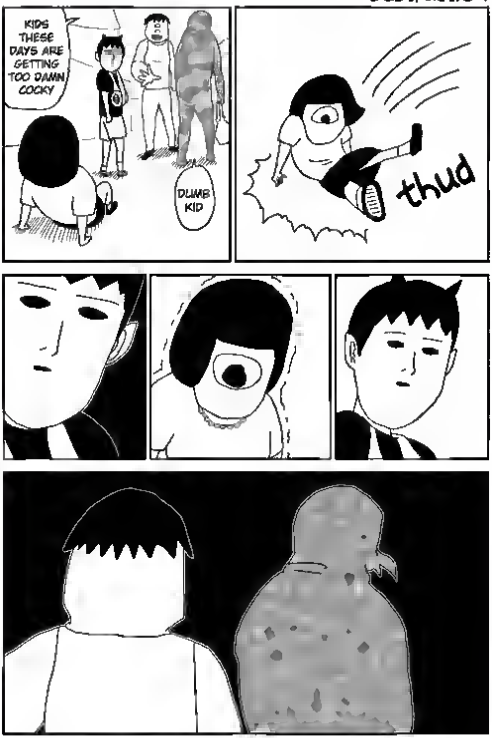
GRAB


KIDS THESE DAYS ARE GETTING TOO DAMN COCKY
DUMB KID
thud

SFX: BONK
APOLOGIZE!
バカッ
SFX: CRACK

OH?
LAST TIME ON "OLD MAN OF THE UNDER-WORLD"! AN ARM CAST CAN BE A LETHAL WEAPON TOO
MY ARM IS CURED !!!
YOU SON OF A...
OH, CRAP !!
BUT IT STINKS !!!!
BATTLE SCENE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER !!!

When a High-schooler gets serious

WE'LL MINCE YOU AND EAT YOU FOR LUNCH!
JUST YOU WAIT! I'MMA CALL MY FRIENDS OVER AND..
SFX. FLIP OPEN
YEAH, I'M IN THAT NEIGHBOR-HOOD YES, ALRIGHT
AH, HELLO? IT'S ME! COULD YOU COME OVER? COOL BRING EVERYONE WITH YOU
SFX BZZ BZZ
GAAAHHHH
SFX. BZZ BZZ
tear....
crackle

HOW DARE YOU
YOU PUNY LITTLE SHITS
SFX: SIZZLE SIZZLE
SFX: SSSSHHHHH
I'M BACK
UHH...
UGH!
HEY, MIURA, WHAT'S WRONG?
GOT YOURSELF INTO A FIGHT?
HIDING BEHIND HIS LIL SISTER
BACK OFF
OH, DAMN HE'S A TOUGH ONE!!
MARCH
MARCH
MARCH
OH...
HERE THEY COME! THERE ARE MY FRIENDS. PREPARE TO GET KILLED!

SFX. MARCH MARCH MARCH
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SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
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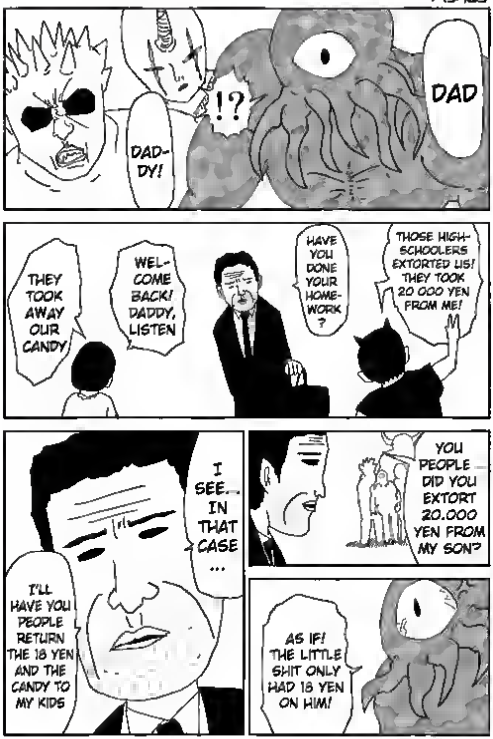
DAD
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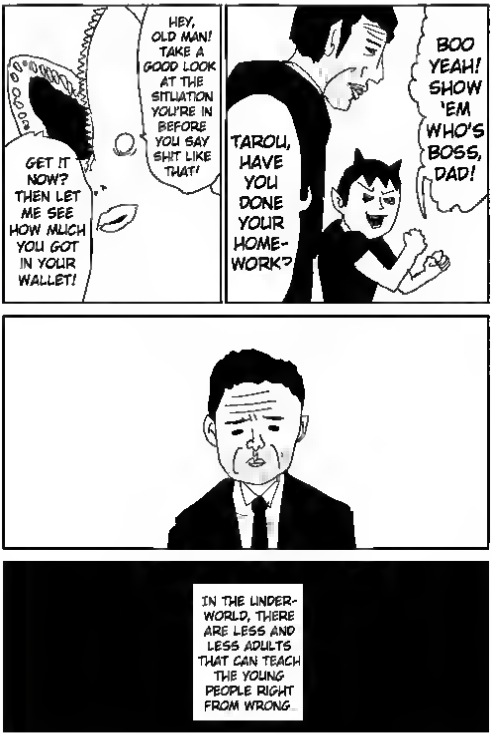
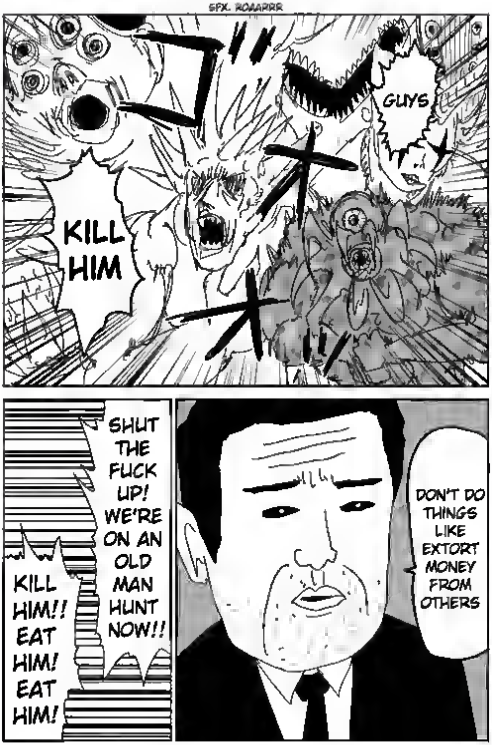
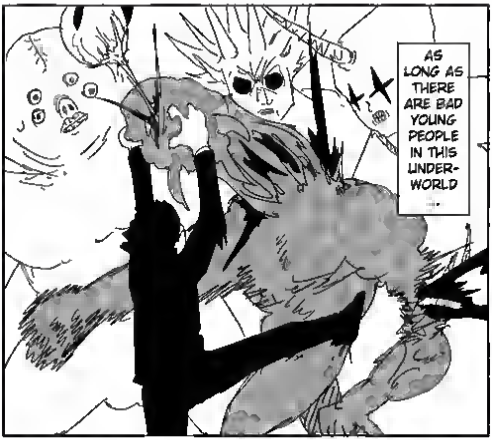
DAD-DY!
THOSE HIGH-SCHOOLERS EXTORTED US! THEY TOOK 20 000 YEN FROM ME!
HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOME-WORK ?
WEL-COME BACK! DADDY, LISTEN
THEY TOOK AWAY OUR CANDY
YOU PEOPLE DID YOU EXTORT 20.000 YEN FROM MY SON?
AS IF! THE LITTLE SHIT ONLY HAD 18 YEN ON HIM!
I SEE... IN THAT CASE ...
I'LL HAVE YOU PEOPLE RETURN THE 18 YEN AND THE CANDY TO MY KIDS


HEY, OLD MAN! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN BEFORE YOU SAY SHIT LIKE THAT!
GET IT NOW? THEN LET ME SEE HOW MUCH YOU GOT IN YOUR WALLET!
TAROU, HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOME-WORK?
BOO YEAH! SHOW 'EM WHO'S BOSS, DAD!
IN THE LINDER-WORLD, THERE ARE LESS AND LESS ADULTS THAT CAN TEACH THE YOUNG PEOPLE RIGHT FROM WRONG


SFX: ROAARRR
GUYS
KILL HIM
DON'T DO THINGS LIKE EXTORT MONEY FROM OTHERS
SHUT THE FUCK UP! WE'RE ON AN OLD MAN HUNT NOW!!
KILL HIM!! EAT HIM! EAT HIM!

THIS IS THE STORY OF AN OLD MAN THAT WILL SHAKE UP THIS ROTTEN UNDERWORLD


AS LONG AS THERE ARE BAD YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS UNDER-WORLD ...

THE OLD MAN WILL KEEP ON FIGHT-ING

SFX: SPRAY
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GO! OLD MAN! DO YOUR BEST! OLD MAN!
THE OLD MAN OF THE UNDER-WORLD WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING ...
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TA-ROU, DID YOU NOT HEAR ME?
UNLIKE LAST YEAR, YOU'VE ACTUALLY DONE YOUR SUMMER HOMEWORK THIS TIME, RIGHT?
.....
OLD MAN OF THE UNDERWORLD
THE END

TAROU, QUIT THE STUPID NARRATION AND ANSWER MY QUESTION
HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOMEWORK OR NOT?
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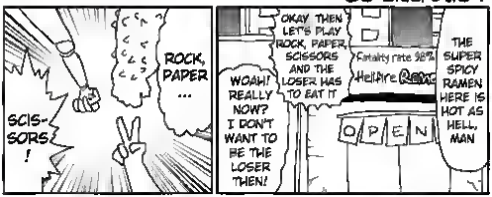
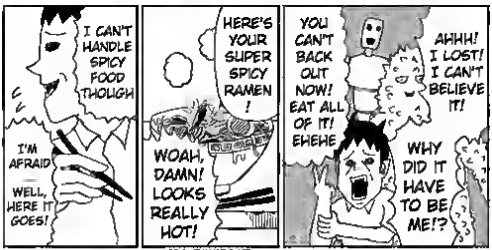
wipe

LIKE THIS, SUMMER HOLIDAYS ENDED
AND WITH THEM, MY LIFE
I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S NOT THE END!!

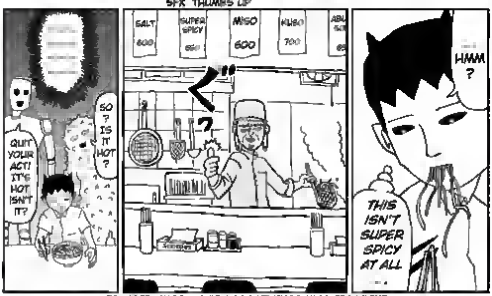
THOUGH I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE DEADLINE OF THE MANGA COMPETITION THE OTHER DAY...
IT... IT'S DONE
shake
shake
shake
shake
IT'S FINALLY DONE
SFX DUN DUN DUN!
TOOK ME TWO WHOLE MONTHS
THE PANEL-ING IS DONE!!

I GOT A SIX-PACK NOW!
I GAINED SOME WEIGHT THIS SUMMER!
OH, YOUR ARM'S CURED, HUH? CONGRATS!
YOU GOT YOUR HAIR CUT TOO! ARE YOU GOING FOR AN IMAGE CHANGE TOO?
WOW, YOU GOT YOURSELF A TAN!
WHEN I MET MY CLASSMATES AGAIN, THEY'D ALL CHANGED A LITTLE OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
GOT LIKE VERY BIG
TURNED INTO AN ADULT
GOT A FEW MORE HEADS
CURED! HIS ARM CAN'T DON'T DO HIS HOMEWORK
GOT A HAIR CUT
GOT A TAN
GOT REAL BUFF

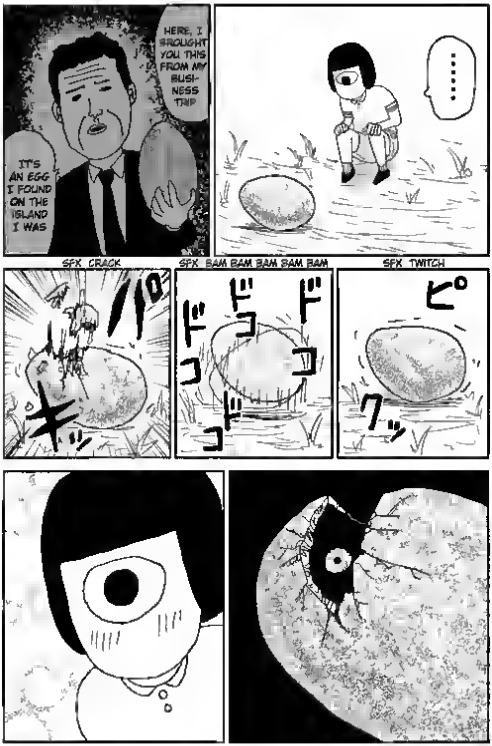

ROCK, PAPER ...
SCIS-SORS!
WOAH! REALLY NOW? I DON'T WANT TO BE THE LOSER THEN!
OKAY THEN LET'S PLAY ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS AND THE LOSER HAS TO EAT IT
Fatality rate 98%
Hellfire Ramen
OPEN
THE SUPER SPICY RAMEN HERE IS HOT AS HELL, MAN


I CAN'T HANDLE SPICY FOOD THOUGH
I'M AFRAID
WELL, HERE IT GOES!
HERE'S YOUR SUPER SPICY RAMEN!
WOAH, DAMN! LOOKS REALLY HOT!
YOU CAN'T BACK OUT NOW! EAT ALL OF IT! EHEHE
AHHH! I LOST! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE ME!?

SFX THUMBS UP



T/L NOTE: KUSO = SHIT, LOOK UP KUSO MISO TECHNIQUE


HERE, I BROUGHT YOU THIS FROM MY BUSINESS TRIP
IT'S AN EGG I FOUND ON THE ISLAND I WAS
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SFX CRACK
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SFX BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
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SFX TWITCH
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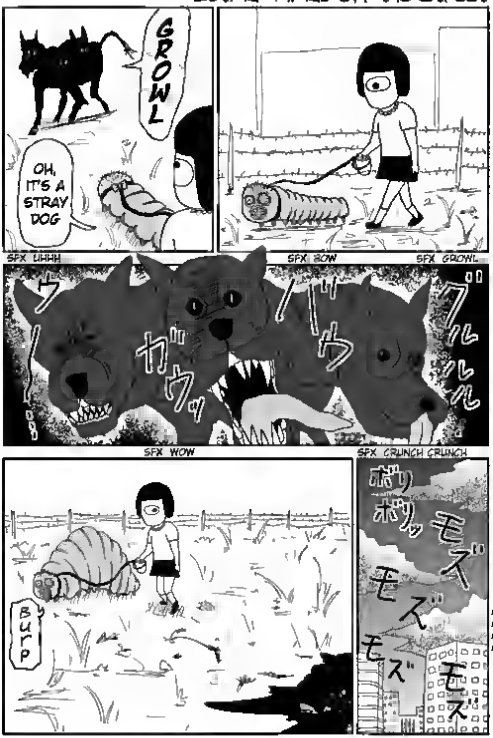
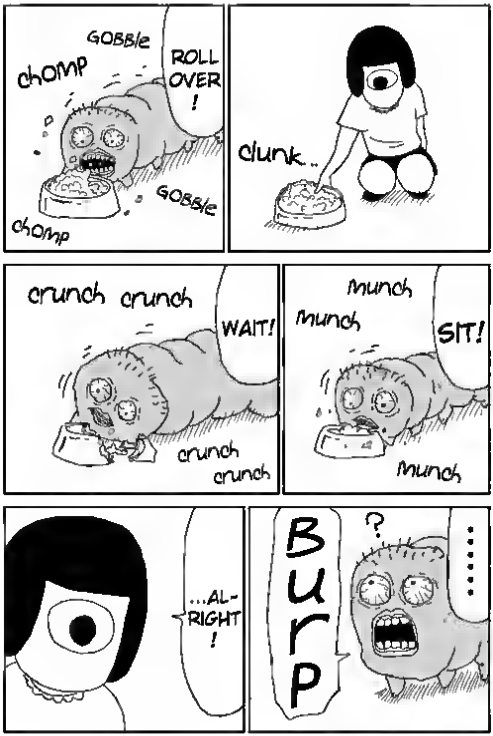
LOOK, BIG BROTH-ER, LOOK!
THIS IS MY NEW PET!
HITOMI!
OKAY, I GET IT, IT'S YOUR PET.
I GET IT, SO STAY AWAY FR-
HEY, STAY AWAY FROM ME!!

Wow, wow!
IT'S EATING THE MANGA I WANTED TO SUBMIT!! IT'S EATING IT!
HEEEEY! WOW, WOW, HITOMI, YOUR PET!
モズ"
SFX: MUNCH MUNCH
NO, IDIOT, YOU LOOK CAREFULLY! I'VE DRAWN THE SPEECH BUBBLES IN THEM TOO!
I SAID, CALM DOWN! YOU'RE NOT EVEN MAKING SENSE!
I HAVE YET TO COME UP WITH THE DIALOG THOUGH
SFX: MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
CALM DOWN AND LOOK CARE-FULLY, BIG BRO!
IT'S JUST PAGES WITH EMPTY PANELS! IT'S NOT A BIG LOSS!

YEAH
THE PRACTICE HAS BEEN CLEARLY PAYING OFF.
ALRIGHT, ENOUGH DRAWING PRACTICE FOR TODAY!
GOTTA RECHARGE MY BAT-TERIES!
IT'S A BIT EARLY, BUT I GUESS I'LL TAKE A NAP...
HEY, HITOMI, GET OVER HERE NOW!

Eating Things off the Street




GOBBLE
CHOMP
ROLL OVER!
GOBBLE
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CLUNK..
CRUNCH CRUNCH
WAIT!
CRUNCH CRUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
SIT!
MUNCH
...AL-RIGHT!
BURP
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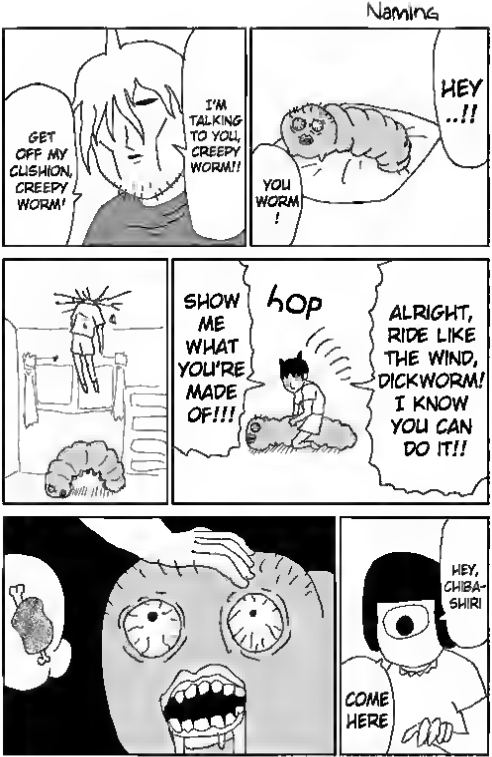
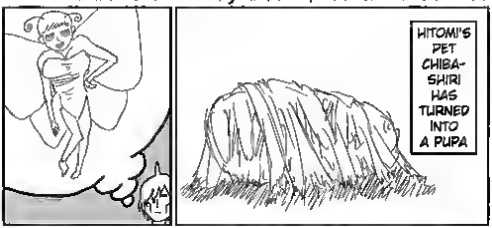
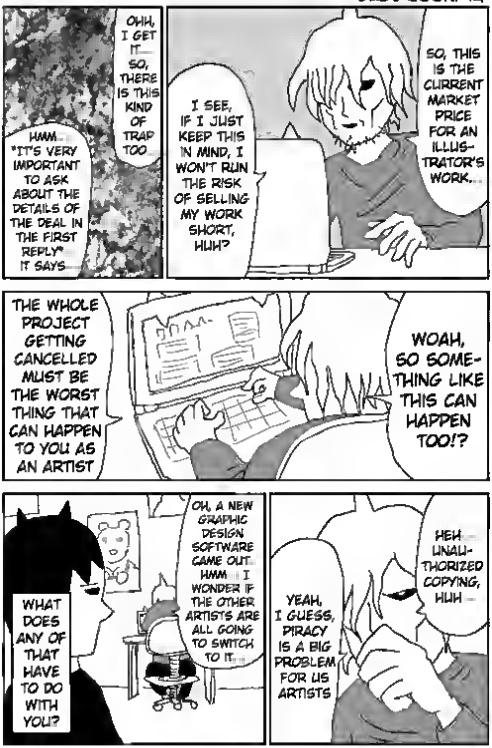

Naming
GET OFF MY CUSHION, CREEPY WORM!
I'M TALKING TO YOU, CREEPY WORM!!
HEY ..!!
YOU WORM !
SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF!!!
hop
ALRIGHT, RIDE LIKE THE WIND, DICKWORM! I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!!
HEY, CHIBA-SHIRI
COME HERE

T/L NOTE. CHIBASHIRI MEANS BLOODSHOT

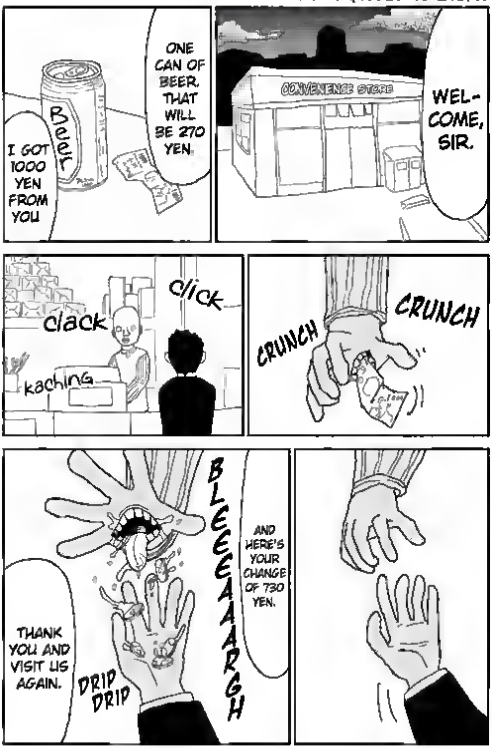
I didn't have very high expectations though



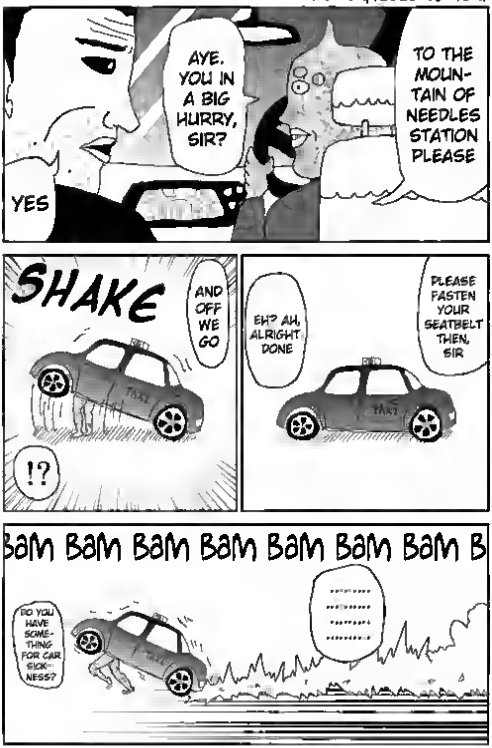
3 DAYS LATER


HMM... "IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ASK ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE DEAL IN THE FIRST REPLY" IT SAYS...
OHH, I GET IT... SO, THERE IS THIS KIND OF TRAP TOO...
I SEE, IF I JUST KEEP THIS IN MIND, I WON'T RUN THE RISK OF SELLING MY WORK SHORT, HUH?
SO, THIS IS THE CURRENT MARKET PRICE FOR AN ILLUSTRATOR'S WORK...
THE WHOLE PROJECT GETTING CANCELLED MUST BE THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU AS AN ARTIST
WOAH, SO SOMETHING LIKE THIS CAN HAPPEN TOO!?
WHAT DOES ANY OF THAT HAVE TO DO WITH YOU?
OH, A NEW GRAPHIC DESIGN SOFTWARE CAME OUT. HMM... I WONDER IF THE OTHER ARTISTS ARE ALL GOING TO SWITCH TO IT...
YEAH, I GUESS, PIRACY IS A BIG PROBLEM FOR US ARTISTS
HEH... UNAUTHORIZED COPYING, HUH...

An Unpleasant Clerk

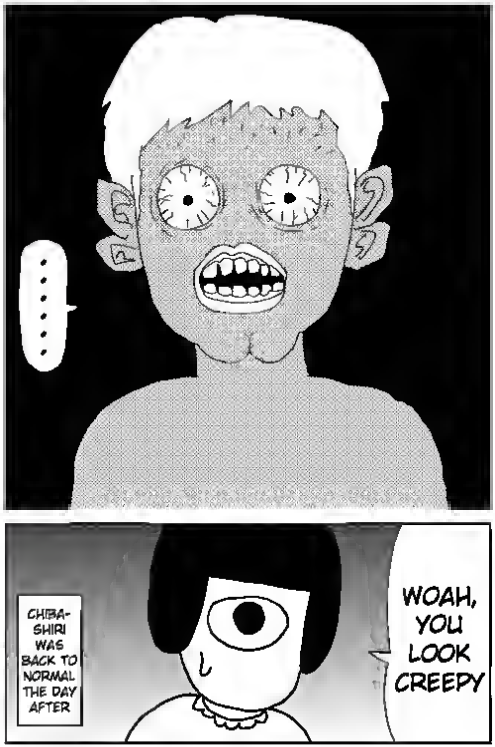


An Unpleasant Parent-Child Scene


TO THE MOUNTAIN OF NEEDLES STATION PLEASE
AYE. YOU IN A BIG HURRY, SIR?
YES
SHAKE
AND OFF WE GO
!?
PLEASE FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT THEN, SIR
EH? AH, ALRIGHT DONE
TAXI
Bam Bam Bam Bam Bam Bam Bam B
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR CAR SICKNESS?

Could it be that she likes him too?

3 DAYS LATER
THOUGH I BET IT'S JUST SLEEPING LIKE LAST TIME ANYWAY
CHIBA-SHIRI'S TURNED INTO A PUPA AGAIN
SFX: RIP RIP
!
SFX: SLIP SLIP
IKE-JIRI, IS THAT YOU?
THUD
SFX: RIP RIP RIP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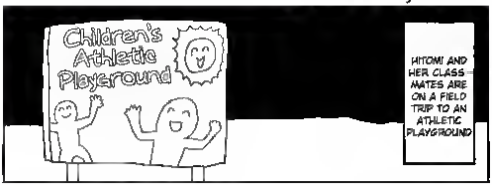
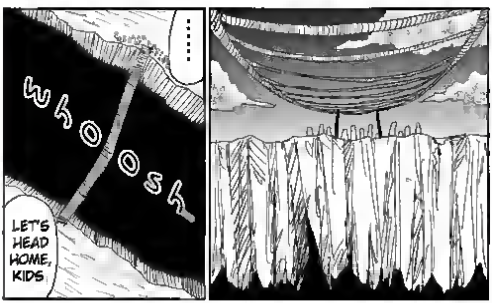
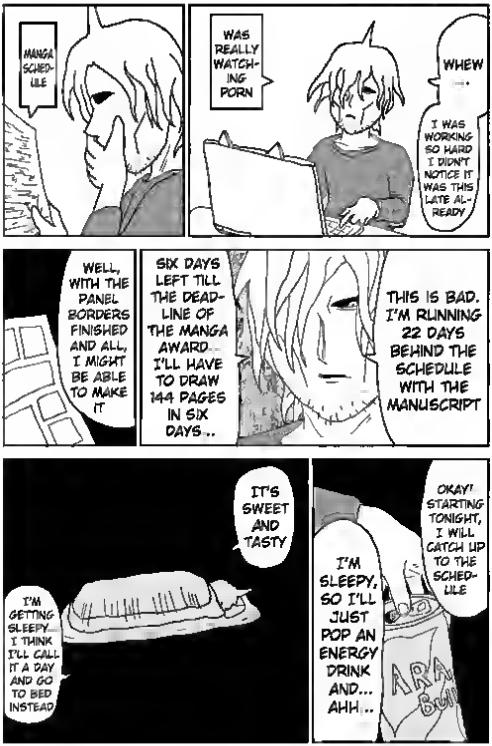
CHIBA-SHIRI WAS BACK TO NORMAL THE DAY AFTER
WOAH, YOU LOOK CREEPY

Athletic Playground



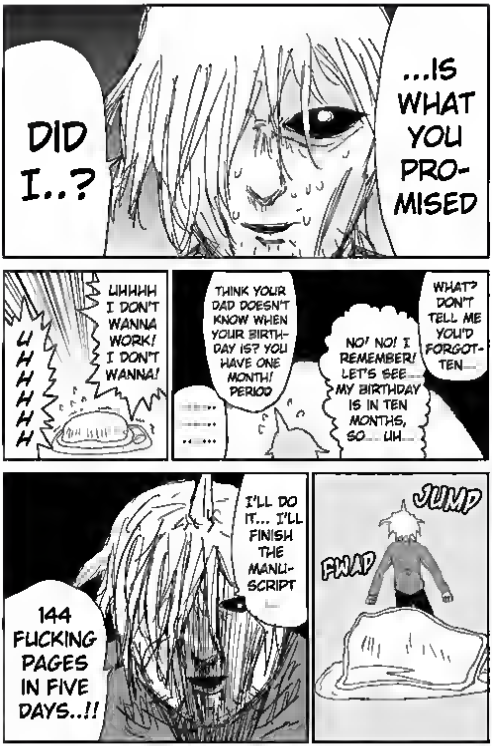


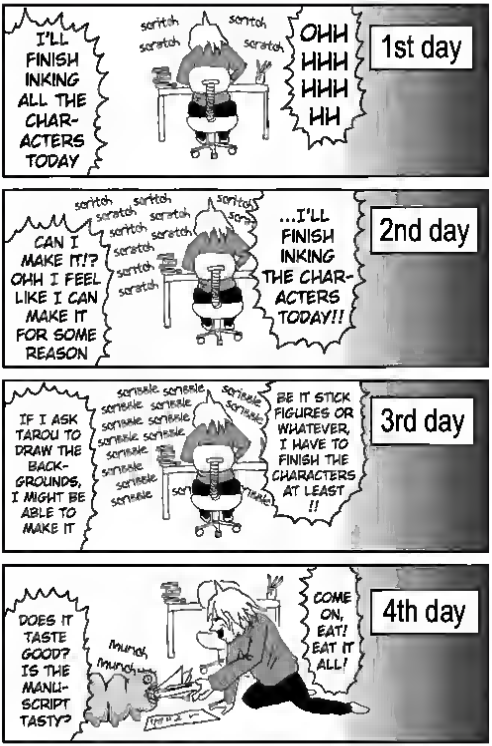
Panel Borders

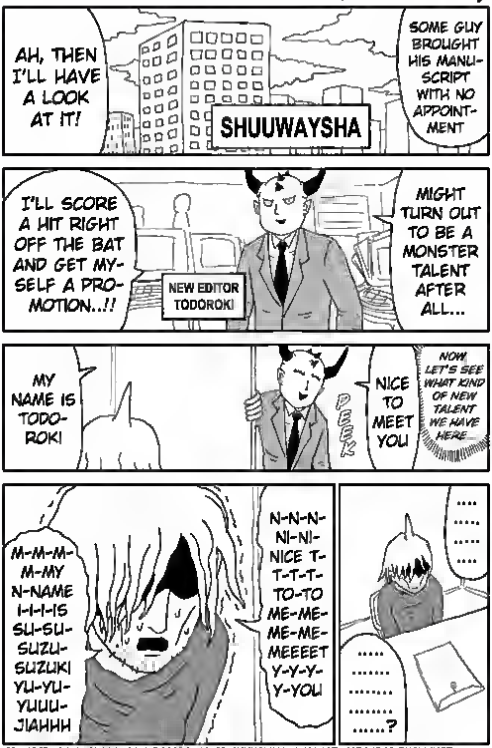

MANGA SCHEDULE
WAS REALLY WATCHING PORN
WHEW
I WAS WORKING SO HARD I DIDN'T NOTICE IT WAS THIS LATE ALREADY
THIS IS BAD. I'M RUNNING 22 DAYS BEHIND THE SCHEDULE WITH THE MANUSCRIPT
SIX DAYS LEFT TILL THE DEADLINE OF THE MANGA AWARD... I'LL HAVE TO DRAW 144 PAGES IN SIX DAYS...
WELL, WITH THE PANEL BORDERS FINISHED AND ALL, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT
OKAY! STARTING TONIGHT, I WILL CATCH UP TO THE SCHEDULE
I'M SLEEPY, SO I'LL JUST POP AN ENERGY DRINK AND... AHH...
IT'S SWEET AND TASTY
I'M GETTING SLEEPY... I THINK I'LL CALL IT A DAY AND GO TO BED INSTEAD

Got me up and running

Binki Noodles
THERE'S ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT UNTIL THE PROMISED DATE. HOW IS YOUR MANGA GOING?
slurp
WHAT PRO-MIFFED DATE?
PRO-MISED DATE?
YOU'LL START WORKING AT YOUR UNCLE'S PLACE
IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT FOUND YOURSELF A JOB BY THE TIME YOU'RE 30 YEARS OLD...

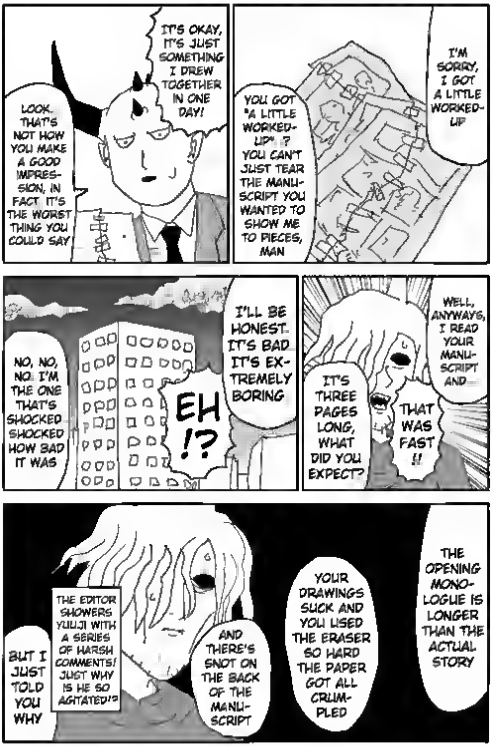

DID I..?
...IS WHAT YOU PRO-MISED
UHHHH I DON'T WANNA WORK! I DON'T WANNA!
UHHHHH
THINK YOUR DAD DOESN'T KNOW WHEN YOUR BIRTH-DAY IS? YOU HAVE ONE MONTH! PERIOD
NO! NO! I REMEMBER! LET'S SEE... MY BIRTHDAY IS IN TEN MONTHS, SO... UH...
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME YOU'D FORGOT-TEN...
I'LL DO IT... I'LL FINISH THE MANU-SCRIPT
144 FUCKING PAGES IN FIVE DAYS..!!
PHAD
JUMP
RESIG-NATION SCENE IN THE NEXT CHAP-TER!!!


I'LL FINISH INKING ALL THE CHAR-ACTERS TODAY
scritch scratch scritch scratch
OHH HHH HHH HH
1st day
CAN I MAKE IT!? OHH I FEEL LIKE I CAN MAKE IT FOR SOME REASON
...I'LL FINISH INKING THE CHAR-ACTERS TODAY!!
2nd day
IF I ASK TAROU TO DRAW THE BACK-GROUNDS, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT
scribble scribble
BE IT STICK FIGURES OR WHATEVER, I HAVE TO FINISH THE CHARACTERS AT LEAST !!
3rd day
DOES IT TASTE GOOD? IS THE MANU-SCRIPT TASTY?
Munch, Munch
COME ON, EAT! EAT IT ALL!
4th day

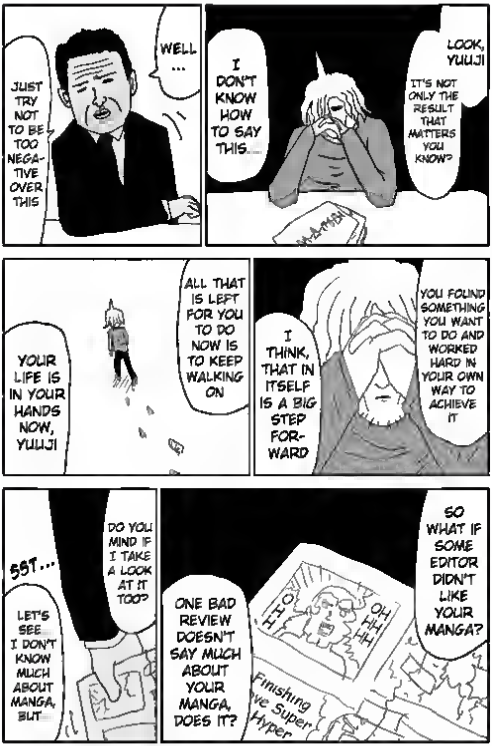


T/L NOTE: SHUUWAYSHA IS A REFERENCE TO SHUUEISHA, A MAJOR JAPANESE PUBLISHER (SHONEN JUMP, YOUNG JUMP ETC.)

SFX: RIP
EEEEE
EEEEE
EEEAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAAA
AAAHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHH!?
TURNED OUT TO BE A REAL MON-STER

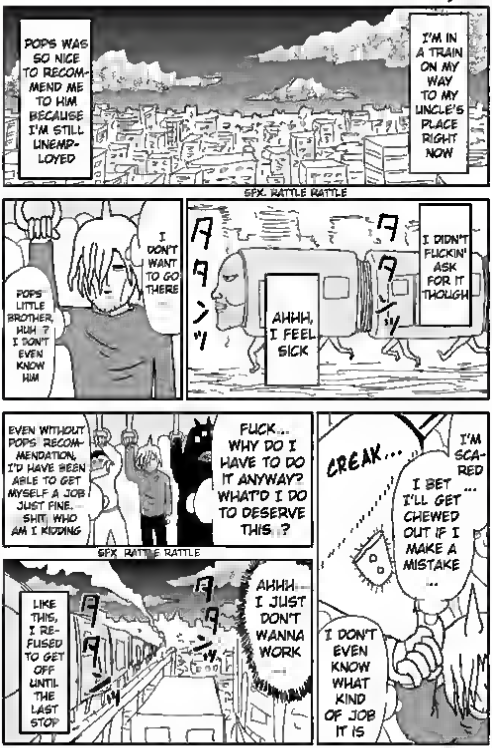

LOOK. THAT'S NOT HOW YOU MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION, IN FACT IT'S THE WORST THING YOU COULD SAY
IT'S OKAY, IT'S JUST SOMETHING I DREW TOGETHER IN ONE DAY!
YOU GOT "A LITTLE WORKED-UP"!? YOU CAN'T JUST TEAR THE MANUSCRIPT YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME TO PIECES, MAN
I'M SORRY, I GOT A LITTLE WORKED-UP
NO, NO, NO. I'M THE ONE THAT'S SHOCKED SHOCKED HOW BAD IT WAS
EH!?
I'LL BE HONEST. IT'S BAD. IT'S EXTREMELY BORING
IT'S THREE PAGES LONG, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?
THAT WAS FAST!!
WELL, ANYWAYS, I READ YOUR MANUSCRIPT AND...
BUT I JUST TOLD YOU WHY
THE EDITOR SHOWERS YUUJI WITH A SERIES OF HARSH COMMENTS! JUST WHY IS HE SO AGITATED!?
AND THERE'S SNOT ON THE BACK OF THE MANUSCRIPT
YOUR DRAWINGS SUCK AND YOU USED THE ERASER SO HARD THE PAPER GOT ALL CRUMPLED
THE OPENING MONOLOGUE IS LONGER THAN THE ACTUAL STORY

SIGH... IS THAT RIGHT...
ANYWAYS, WITH YOUR CURRENT SKILLS, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BECOME A PRO MANGA ARTIST
twitch
twitch
YOU MUST BE 30 OR SOMETHING IF YOU'RE GOING TO LIE, MAKE IT A BIT MORE BELIEVABLE
THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY TO DRAW MANGA WHILE WORKING A DIFFERENT JOB
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I'M 19
IF I DON'T BECOME A PRO MANGA ARTIST NOW, I'LL HAVE TO WORK AT MY UNCLE'S PLACE, YOU KNOW...?
JUST WORK THERE THEN! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
BUT, BUT THEN...
MR TODOROKI
shake shake
!
IT'S A REALISTIC OPTION I WOULD SUGGEST YOU GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT
THAT WAY, YOU COULD CONTINUE DRAWING MANGA AS YOUR HOBBY


WELL ...
JUST TRY NOT TO BE TOO NEGATIVE OVER THIS
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS...
LOOK, YUUJI
IT'S NOT ONLY THE RESULT THAT MATTERS YOU KNOW?
ALL THAT IS LEFT FOR YOU TO DO NOW IS TO KEEP WALKING ON
YOUR LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS NOW, YUUJI
I THINK, THAT IN ITSELF IS A BIG STEP FOR-WARD
YOU FOUND SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO AND WORKED HARD IN YOUR OWN WAY TO ACHIEVE IT
SO WHAT IF SOME EDITOR DIDN'T LIKE YOUR MANGA?
OH HH
Finishing we Super Hyper
ONE BAD REVIEW DOESN'T SAY MUCH ABOUT YOUR MANGA, DOES IT?
DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT IT TOO?
SST...
LET'S SEE I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MANGA, BUT

IT'S, ERR... HOW DO I PUT IT... IT'S VERY UNIQUE... YEAH. IT'S... VERY INTER-INTERESTING ...
ANYWAYS, I'LL CONTACT YOUR UNCLE FOR YOU, SO ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU A JOB AT HIS PLACE
Drawn by Suzuki Yuuji (Pen name God of Manga Heaven)

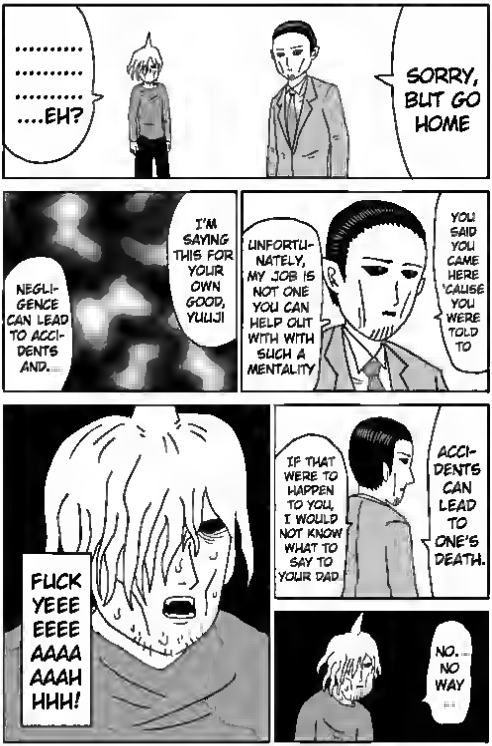
Swaying


POPS WAS SO NICE TO RECOMMEND ME TO HIM BECAUSE I'M STILL UNEMPLOYED
I'M IN A TRAIN ON MY WAY TO MY UNCLE'S PLACE RIGHT NOW
SFX: RATTLE RATTLE
POPS' LITTLE BROTHER, HUH ? I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM
I DON'T WANT TO GO THERE
AHHH, I FEEL SICK
I DIDN'T FUCKIN' ASK FOR IT THOUGH
EVEN WITHOUT POPS' RECOMMENDATION, I'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET MYSELF A JOB JUST FINE. SHIT, WHO AM I KIDDING
FUCK... WHY DO I HAVE TO DO IT ANYWAY? WHAT'D I DO TO DESERVE THIS ?
SFX: RATTLE RATTLE
LIKE THIS, I REFUSED TO GET OFF UNTIL THE LAST STOP
AHHH... I JUST DON'T WANNA WORK
CREAK...
I'M SCARED
I BET ... I'LL GET CHEWED OUT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF JOB IT IS

He wasn't even informed

Y'KNOW, YUUJI, YOUR UNCLE CAME TO VISIT YOU A COUPLE OF TIMES WHEN YOU WERE STILL A KID. BUT YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER.
HMM? YOU WERE TOLD TO HELP ME OUT WITH WORK?

Dodged a bullet there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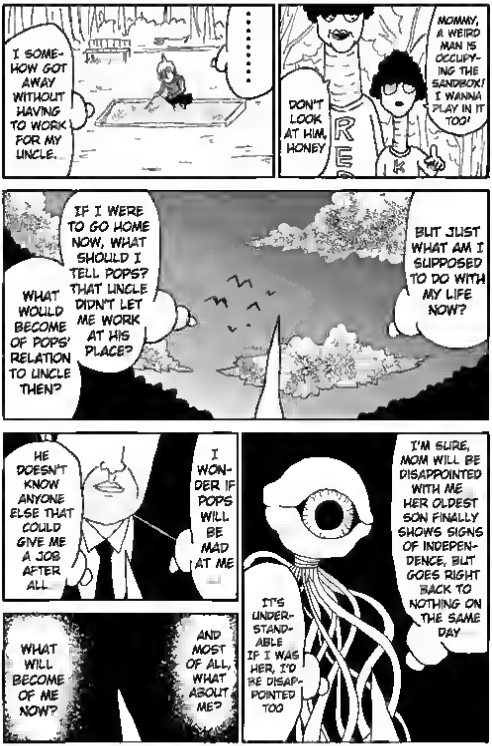
....EH?
SORRY, BUT GO HOME
I'M SAYING THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, YUUJI
NEGLI-GENCE CAN LEAD TO ACCI-DENTS AND...
UNFORTU-NATELY, MY JOB IS NOT ONE YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH WITH SUCH A MENTALITY
YOU SAID YOU CAME HERE 'CAUSE YOU WERE TOLD TO
FUCK YEEE EEEE AAAA AAAH HHH!
IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOU, I WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO YOUR DAD
ACCI-DENTS CAN LEAD TO ONE'S DEATH.
NO. NO WAY...


I SOMEHOW GOT AWAY WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK FOR MY UNCLE.
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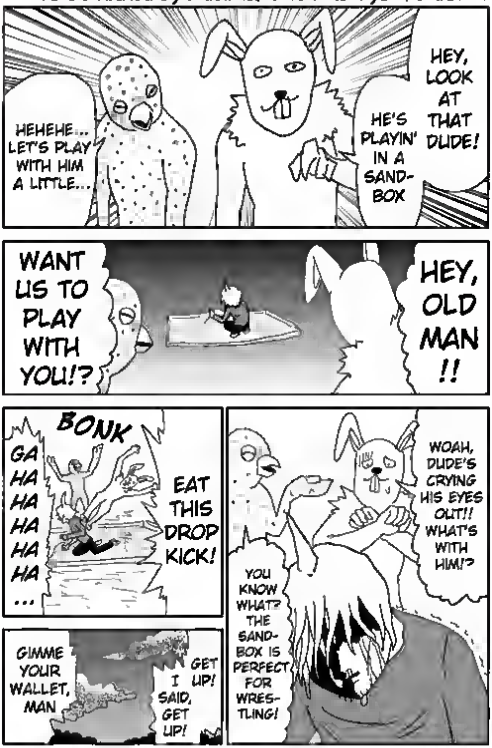
MOMMY, A WEIRD MAN IS OCCUPYING THE SANDBOX! I WANNA PLAY IN IT TOO!
DON'T LOOK AT HIM, HONEY
IF I WERE TO GO HOME NOW, WHAT SHOULD I TELL POPS? THAT UNCLE DIDN'T LET ME WORK AT HIS PLACE?
WHAT WOULD BECOME OF POPS' RELATION TO UNCLE THEN?
BUT JUST WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH MY LIFE NOW?
I WONDER IF POPS WILL BE MAD AT ME
HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYONE ELSE THAT COULD GIVE ME A JOB AFTER ALL
I'M SURE, MOM WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ME HER OLDEST SON FINALLY SHOWS SIGNS OF INDEPENDENCE, BUT GOES RIGHT BACK TO NOTHING ON THE SAME DAY
IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE IF I WAS HER, I'D BE DISAPPOINTED TOO
AND MOST OF ALL, WHAT ABOUT ME?
WHAT WILL BECOME OF ME NOW?

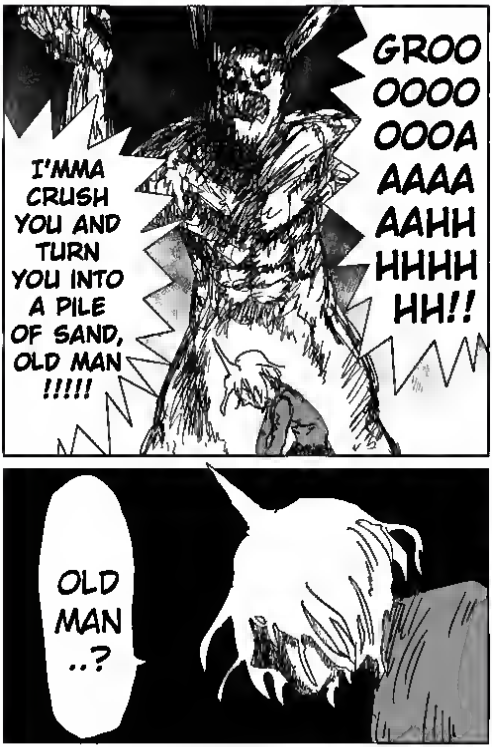
WHAT...
WHAT WILL BECOME OF ME NOW...

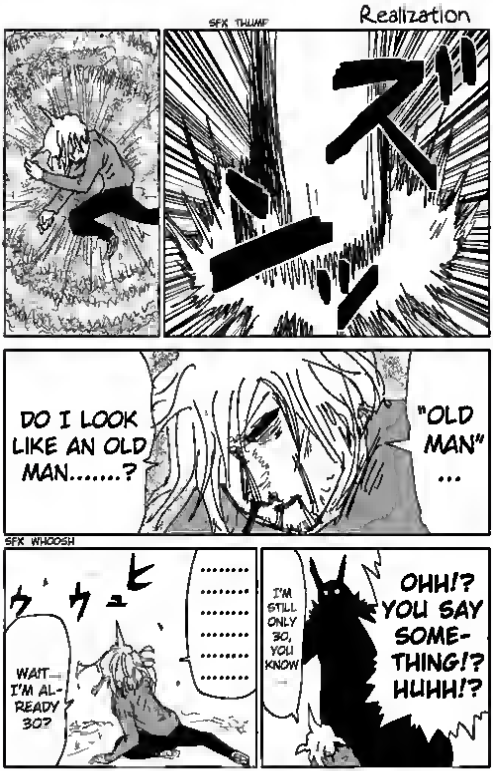
To be kicked by a delinquent when you're down


HEHEHE... LET'S PLAY WITH HIM A LITTLE...
HE'S PLAYIN' IN A SAND-BOX
HEY, LOOK AT THAT DUDE!
WANT US TO PLAY WITH YOU!?
HEY, OLD MAN!!
BONK
GA HA HA HA HA HA ...
EAT THIS DROP KICK!
WOAH, DUDE'S CRYING HIS EYES OUT!! WHAT'S WITH HIM!?
YOU KNOW WHAT? THE SAND-BOX IS PERFECT FOR WRES-TLING!
GIMME YOUR WALLET, MAN
GET I UP! SAID, GET UP!

SFX. CREAK CREAK CREAK CREAK CREAK
HOW DARE YOU THROW SAND AT ME!? HUH!?
YOU SON OF A BITCH ...
SFX. BOKOSUKA BOKOSUKA BOKOSUKA BOKOSUKA
SFX. GROWL
WOW, HEY, WAIT, TAKE, MAN, YOU'RE NOT GONNA RUN AMOK NOW ARE YOU?
HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING!!? OLD MAN? HUUUH!!? WANNA FUCKING DIE!?
SFX. BOING
HA HA HA HA HA
SFX. KICK KICK KICK
SFX RIP RIP RIP
OH SHIT, OH SHIT, OH SHIT ...
IF YOU TRANS-FORM, THE PARK, NO THE WHOLE CITY WILL BE IN DANGER, MAN!!
SFX THUD THUD
POW POW
SLAP SLAP
NOW THIS IS WHAT I CALL "SAND-BAG"!!
DUDE, YOU GOT SAND ALL OVER YOU! COME ON, SHOW ME YOUR WALLET!
SFX RIP RIP RIP
I'M OUT OF HERE, YOU TAKE CARE OF HIM, OLD MAN!!
WOAH, THIS ISN'T MY FAULT !!
SFX VSSHHH
UGH ..
WHOA

T/L NOTE: BOKOSUKA IS A REFERENCE TO THE GAME "BOKOSUKA WARS" ONE PROBABLY USED IT BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE "BOKOBOKO" THE JAPANESE WORD FOR BEATING SOMEONE TO A PULP


I'MMA CRUSH YOU AND TURN YOU INTO A PILE OF SAND, OLD MAN !!!!!
GROOOOOOOAAAAAAHHHHHHH!!
OLD MAN ..?


Realization
SFX THUMP
"OLD MAN" ...
DO I LOOK LIKE AN OLD MAN.....?
SFX WHOOSH
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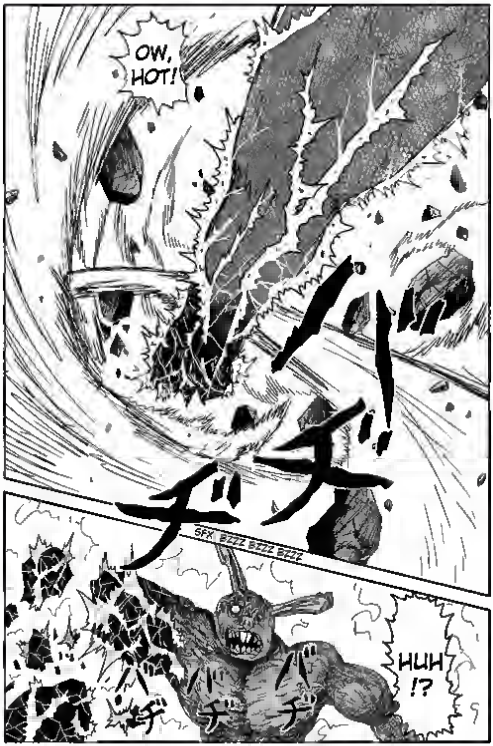
WAIT... I'M ALREADY 30?
I'M STILL ONLY 30, YOU KNOW ...
OHH!? YOU SAY SOMETHING!? HUHH!?

SFX RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
Awakening
I'M THAT OLD NOW, HUH ...
I LOOK LIKE AN OLD MAN TO YOUNG PEOPLE, HUH...

AHH...
OLD MAN, HUH ...
IS A REAL SHOCK TO ME ...
GETTING CALLED LIKE THAT.
AS POPS AND CO. NOW, HUH?
THAT MEANS, I'M IN THE SAME AGE GROUP.

YET I'M SUCH A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING
IS IT OKAY TO BE LIKE THIS AT MY AGE .....?

SFX: WHOOSH
AM I RIGHT, POPS ...?
THERE IS NO WAY IT'S OKAY, IS THERE ...?
SFX: THWACK


OW, HOT!
バチ!
バチ
SFX: BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ
HUH!?
バチ
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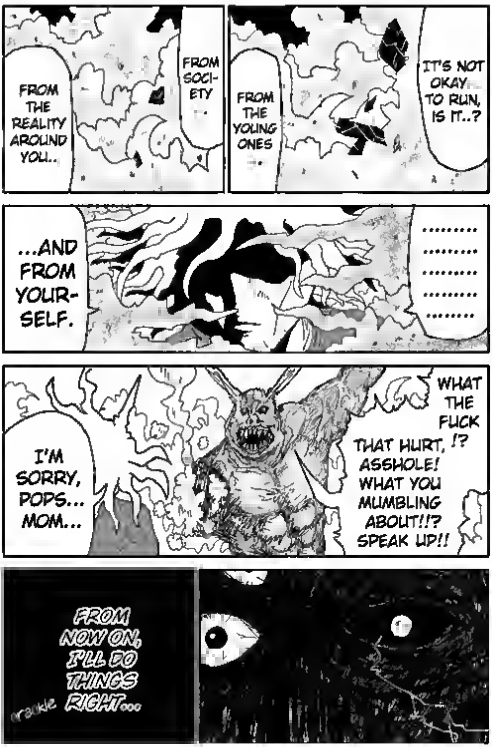
バチ


FROM THE REALITY AROUND YOU..
FROM SOCI-ETY...
FROM THE YOUNG ONES...
IT'S NOT OKAY... TO RUN, IS IT..?
...AND FROM YOUR-SELF.
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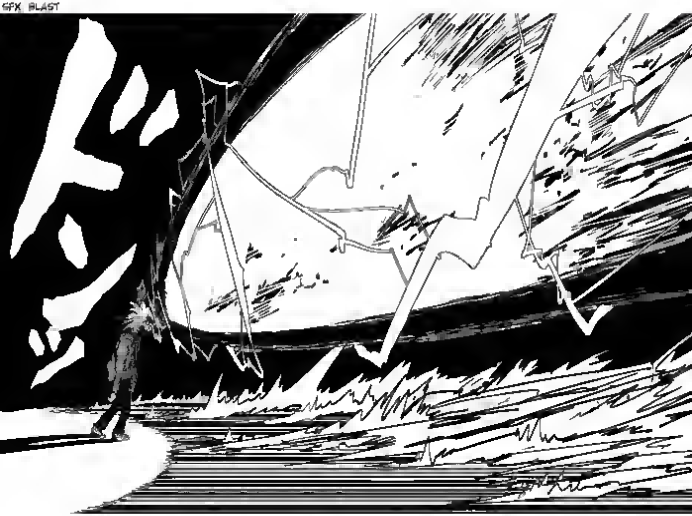
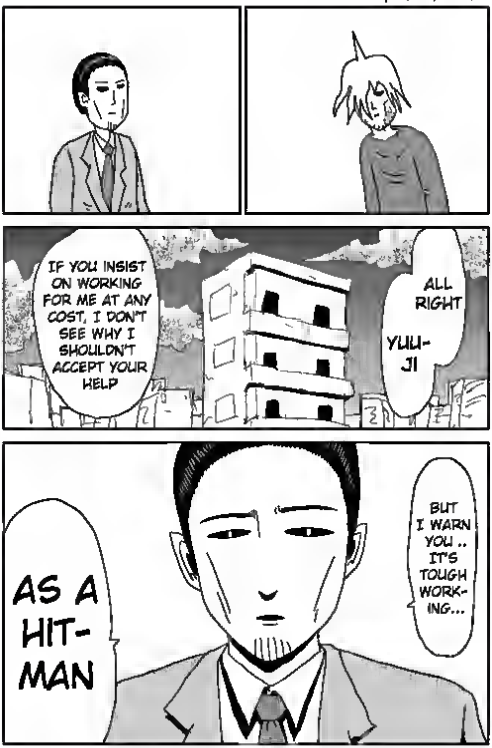
I'M SORRY, PODS... MOM...
WHAT THE FUCK THAT HURT, !? ASSHOLE! WHAT YOU MUMBLING ABOUT!!? SPEAK UP!!
FROM NOW ON, I'LL DO THINGS RIGHT...
crackle


SFX BLAST


ALL RIGHT YUU-JI
IF YOU INSIST ON WORKING FOR ME AT ANY COST, I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULDN'T ACCEPT YOUR HELP
BUT I WARN YOU .. IT'S TOUGH WORK-ING...
AS A HIT-MAN

SFX. THUD THUD
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WOAH! THAT WAS CLOSE, TOO CLOSE!
WAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHH
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IT'S HEADING TO YOUR DIRECTION, YUUJI!
OOOOOOOOHHHHHHHHH
SFX. POW POW POW
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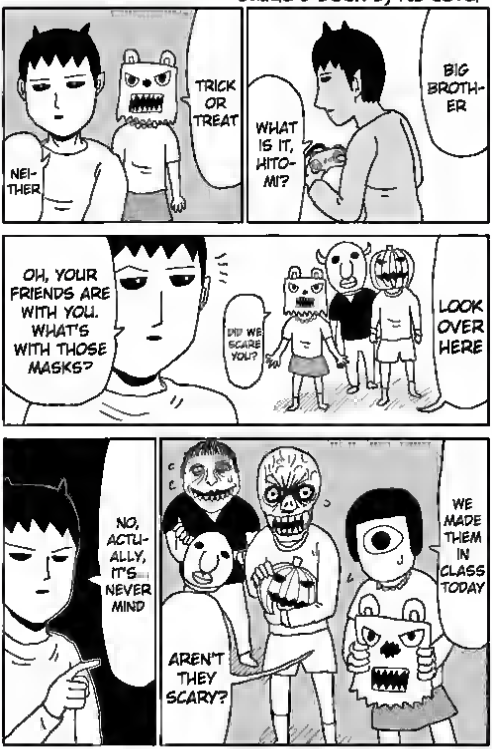
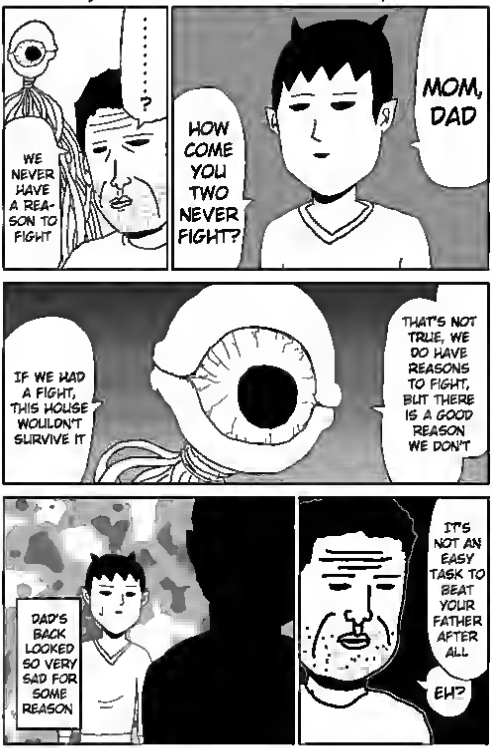
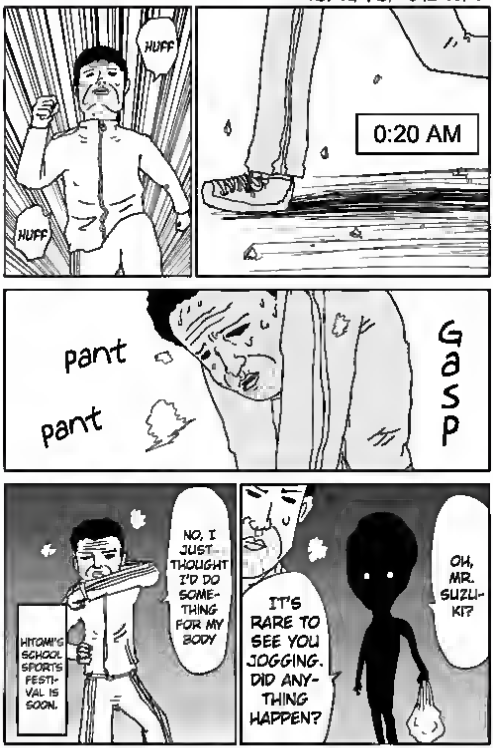
SFX FLASH


TRICK OR TREAT
NEI-THER
BIG BROTH-ER
WHAT IS IT, HITO-MI?
LOOK OVER HERE
DID WE SCARE YOU?
OH, YOUR FRIENDS ARE WITH YOU. WHAT'S WITH THOSE MASKS?
NO, ACTU-ALLY, IT'S... NEVER MIND
WE MADE THEM IN CLASS TODAY
AREN'T THEY SCARY?

DO I LOOK LIKE I CARE?
YOU TOOK OVER WHEN I WAS ON THE TOILET! I WAS WATCHING TV!
BIG BROTHER, THAT'S NOT FAIR!
POUND POUND POUND


MOM, DAD
HOW COME YOU TWO NEVER FIGHT?
WE NEVER HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT
.....?
THAT'S NOT TRUE, WE DO HAVE REASONS TO FIGHT, BUT THERE IS A GOOD REASON WE DON'T
IF WE HAD A FIGHT, THIS HOUSE WOULDN'T SURVIVE IT
IT'S NOT AN EASY TASK TO BEAT YOUR FATHER AFTER ALL
EH?
DAD'S BACK LOOKED SO VERY SAD FOR SOME REASON


HUFF
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0:20 AM
pant
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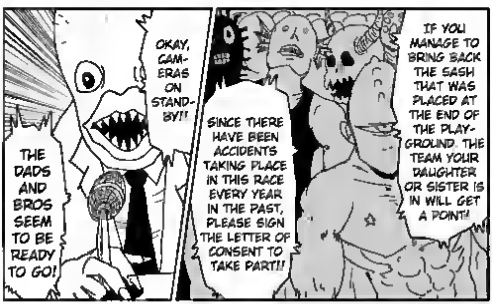
GaSp
HITOMI'S SCHOOL SPORTS FESTIVAL IS SOON.
NO, I JUST THOUGHT I'D DO SOMETHING FOR MY BODY
IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU JOGGING. DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?
OH, MR. SUZUKI?

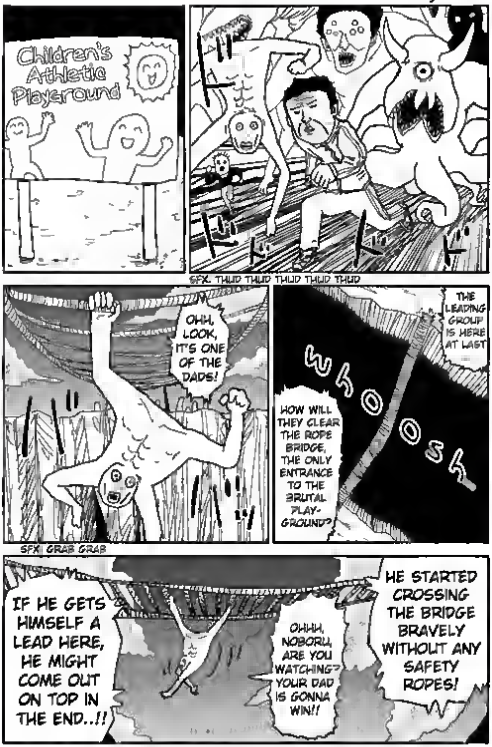
If you're going to do something, give it your all

FIRST, THE PARTICIPATING DADS AND BROTHERS WILL HAVE TO RUN TO THE PLAYGROUND THAT LIES 400KM FROM THE SCHOOL!
shuffle
DO YOUR BEST
WE RENTED OUT A CERTAIN ATHLETIC PLAYGROUND SPECIALLY FOR THIS OCCASION!

IT LOOKS LIKE THE OUTCOME OF THE NEXT RACE, THE DADS & BROTHERS OBSTACLE RACE, WILL DETERMINE THE WINNING TEAM!
THE RED TEAM, BLUE TEAM AND WHITE TEAM ARE NECK AND NECK NOW!!
Suzuki


THE DADS AND BROS SEEM TO BE READY TO GO!
OKAY, CAMERAS ON STANDBY!!
SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTS TAKING PLACE IN THIS RACE EVERY YEAR IN THE PAST, PLEASE SIGN THE LETTER OF CONSENT TO TAKE PART!!
IF YOU MANAGE TO BRING BACK THE SASH THAT WAS PLACED AT THE END OF THE PLAYGROUND THE TEAM YOUR DAUGHTER OR SISTER IS IN WILL GET A POINT!

ATHLETIC SCENE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER !!!

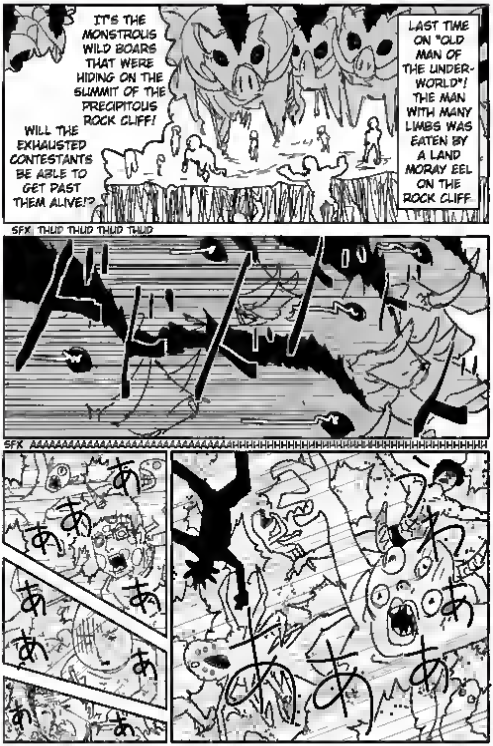

Children's Athletic Playground
SFX: THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
OHH, LOOK, IT'S ONE OF THE DADS!
THE LEADING GROUP IS HERE AT LAST
whoosh
HOW WILL THEY CLEAR THE ROPE BRIDGE, THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE BRUTAL PLAY-GROUND?
SFX: GRAB GRAB
IF HE GETS HIMSELF A LEAD HERE, HE MIGHT COME OUT ON TOP IN THE END..!!
OHHH, NOBORU, ARE YOU WATCHING? YOUR DAD IS GONNA WIN!!
HE STARTED CROSSING THE BRIDGE BRAVELY WITHOUT ANY SAFETY ROPES!

They weren't informed of this
HE WAS EATEN BY THE GUARD-IAN OF THE ROPE BRIDGE !!!!

WHO WILL BE THE ONE TO GET OUT OF THIS THE FASTEST AND TO TAKE THE LEAD..?
THE REMAINING CONTESTANTS HAVE DEFEATED THE GUARDIAN AND ARE NOW CROSSING OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE NOW..!!
SFX THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
SFX SMIRK
IT'S THE BIG BROTHER OF SAITOU FROM CLASS 4-2, A UNIVERSITY STUDENT!!
SO FAST !! SO VERY FAST !!
SFX THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
IS HE THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR FIRST PLACE!?
ACCORDING TO HIS PROFILE, HE'S A PROFESSIONAL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETE!

They weren't informed of this
HE STEP-PED ON A HUGE LAND-MINE !!!!
SFX: KA-BOOM

WHAT KIND OF OBSTACLE AWAITS THEM NEXT?
CROSSING THE MINE-FIELD COST MANY LIVES, BUT HERE ARE THE DADS AND BROTHERS THAT MADE IT THROUGH ALIVE
SFX FWOOSH
LOOKS LIKE I HAVE THE ADVANTAGE HERE SINCE I HAVE SO MANY LIMBS... HEHEHE
OH NO! IT'S THE GIGANTIC ROCK CLIFF OF DESPAIR!
UH-OH! IF THINGS GO THE SAME WAY AS THE LAST TWO TIMES, THIS PERSON'S LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER NEXT!
DO THEY STILL HAVE THE STAMINA TO CLIMB OVER IT!?


LAST TIME ON "OLD MAN OF THE UNDERWORLD"! THE MAN WITH MANY LIMBS WAS EATEN BY A LAND MORAY EEL ON THE ROCK CLIFF
IT'S THE MONSTROUS WILD BOARS THAT WERE HIDING ON THE SUMMIT OF THE PRECIPITOUS ROCK CLIFF!
WILL THE EXHAUSTED CONTESTANTS BE ABLE TO GET PAST THEM ALIVE!?
SFX THUD THUD THUD THUD
SFX
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WHO WILL BE THE ONE TO GRAB HOLD OF THE ONE ROPE THAT WILL LEAD TO VICTORY!?
THE ROPE SWING OF FATE !!
HERE WE ARE AT LAST! THIS IS THE FINAL HURDLE !!
ONLY FEW OF THE CONTESTANTS HAVE ESCAPED THE WILD BOARS, CROSSED A POISONOUS SWAMP AND A MOUNTAIN OF NEEDLES AND SLAYED A DRAGON.
SFX. THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
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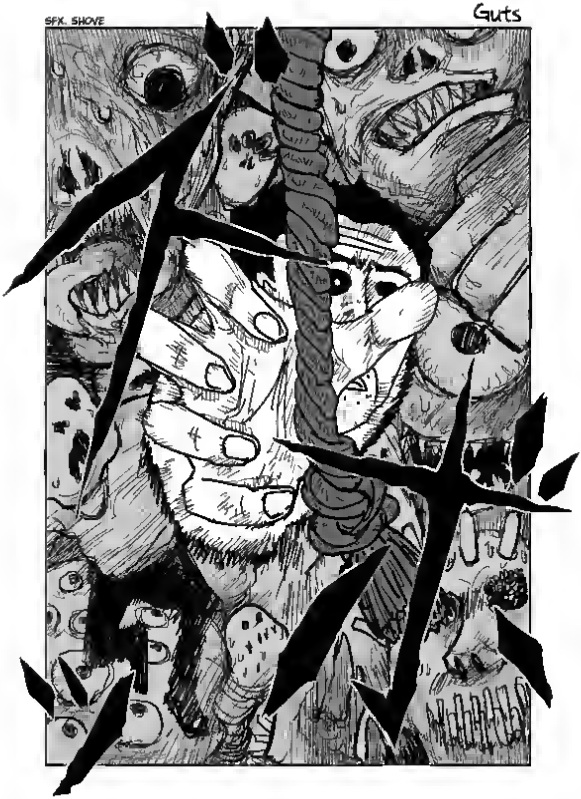
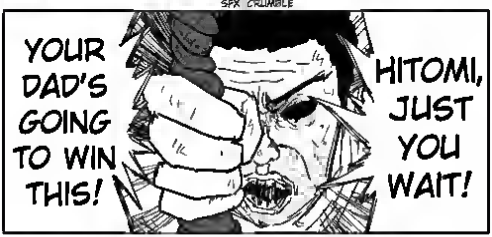
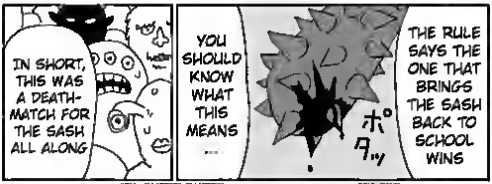

SFX. SHOVE
Guts

SFX CRUMBLE

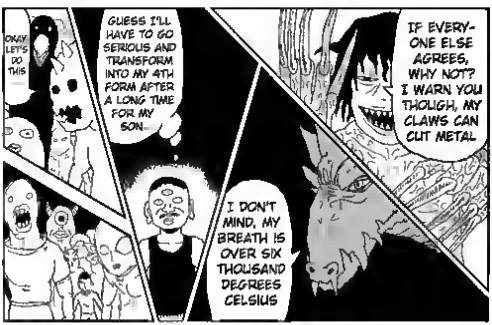

YOUR DAD'S GOING TO WIN THIS!
HITOMI, JUST YOU WAIT!

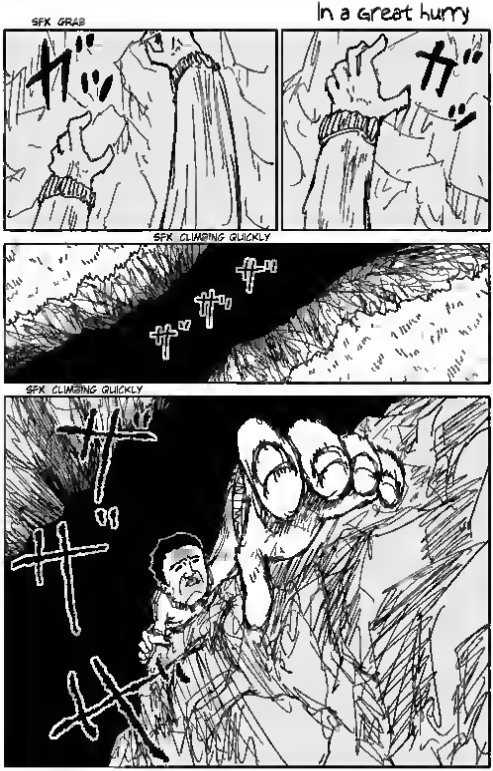
As expected

IT'S MINE NOW
SASH
THERE IT IS!! THE SASH!!
SFX: FLAP
I'M GOING TO BE THE WINNER!
IF I CAN MAKE IT BACK TO SCHOOL WITH THIS...
SFX: FLAP FLAP
AND THAT WAS THE LAST THING HE SAID.
NOZOMI... WHEN YOU SEE ME WITH THE SASH, I WONDER IF YOU WILL FINALLY ACCEPT ME AS YOUR STEPFATHER
HEHE... I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS GLAD TO HAVE WINGS...


IN SHORT, THIS WAS A DEATH-MATCH FOR THE SASH ALL ALONG
YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS...
THE RULE SAYS THE ONE THAT BRINGS THE SASH BACK TO SCHOOL WINS
SFX: CHATTER CHATTER
SFX: DRIP

BUT IF YOU AGREE WITH ME, GET OUT OF MY WAY, OR DIE.
IF I'M WRONG, PLEASE SAY SO, GENTLE-MEN


OKAY, LET'S DO THIS
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO SERIOUS AND TRANSFORM INTO MY 4TH FORM AFTER A LONG TIME FOR MY SON...
I DON'T MIND, MY BREATH IS OVER SIX THOUSAND DEGREES CELSIUS
IF EVERY-ONE ELSE AGREES, WHY NOT? I WARN YOU THOUGH, MY CLAWS CAN CUT METAL

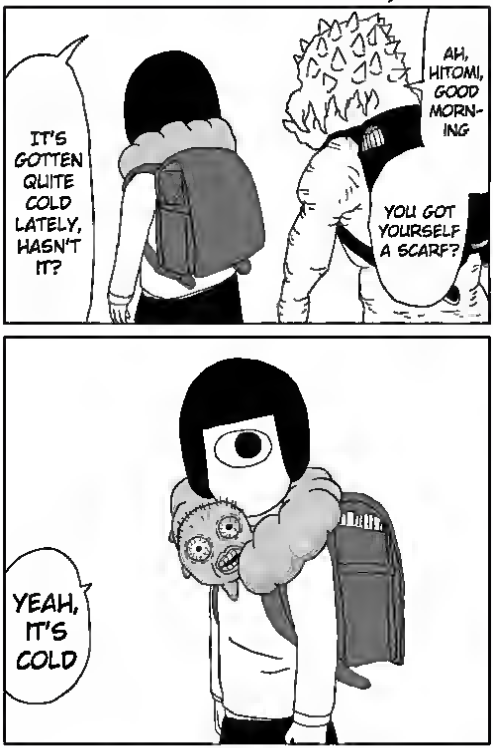

In a great hurry
SFX GRAB
SFX GRAB
SFX CLIMBING QUICKLY
SFX CLIMBING QUICKLY

SFX PEEK
SFX GRAB
SFX WHACK SMACK
SFX BOKOSUKA
HEY! STOP IT!!
I HAD FEARED THIS WOULD HAPPEN
SFX SMACK WHACK
STOP THIS MEAN-ING-LESS FIGHT !!!
ALL OF YOU!

SFX. FREEZE
ヒタ…
シュウウウウウ
DO YOU THINK THE KIDS WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE US LIKE THIS?
DO YOU WANT THE SASH THAT BAD !?
SFX. SSSHHHH
くあ
SFX. WHOOSH
silence...

Victory

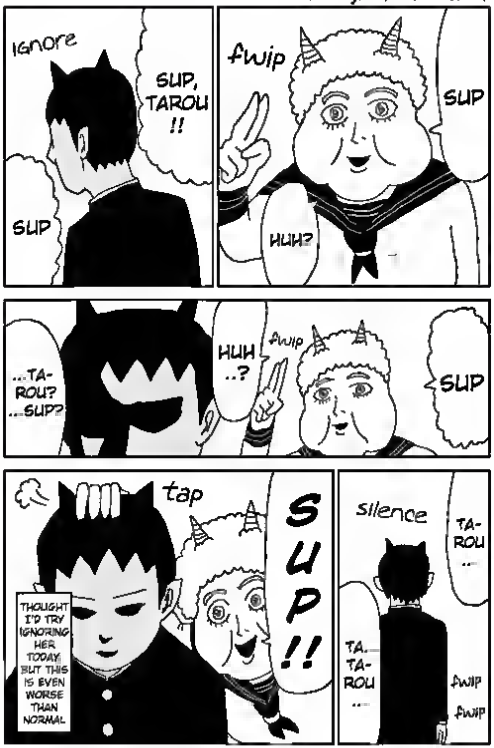
Mismanagement
SFX. SILENCE
SFX. TAP
ALRIGHT, WHO CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?
SFX. RATTLE
SFX. SILENCE
DAD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
RED TEAM IS IN THE LEAD NOW..!
THE SPORTS FESTIVAL HAD ENDED FOUR DAYS AGO


AH, HITOMI, GOOD MORNING
YOU GOT YOURSELF A SCARF?
IT'S GOTTEN QUITE COLD LATELY, HASN'T IT?
YEAH, IT'S COLD

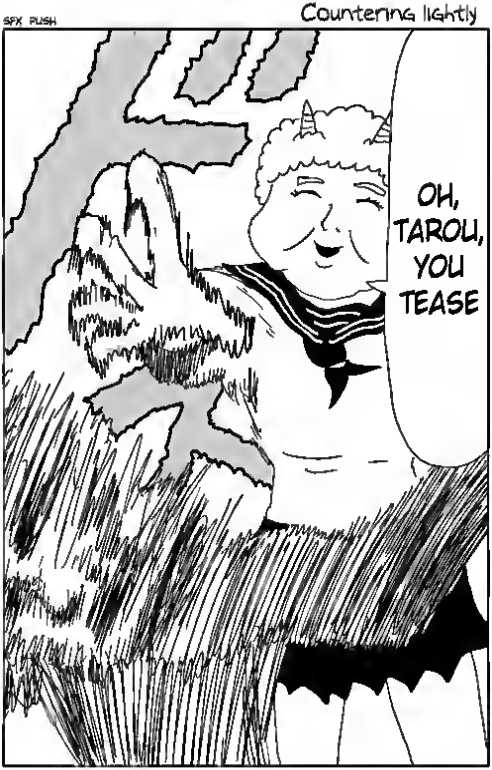
T/L NOTE. IN AUTUMN, IT'S COMMON FOR THE JAPANESE TO BAKE SWEET POTATOES BY BUILDING A FIRE WITH FIREWOOD AND FALLEN LEAVES INSIDE AN ENCLOSURE MADE WITH CONCRETE BLOCKS AND PLACING MORE DEAD LEAVES OVER THEM.

Size

SFX: KA-BOOM
Explosion
IT BLEW UP!

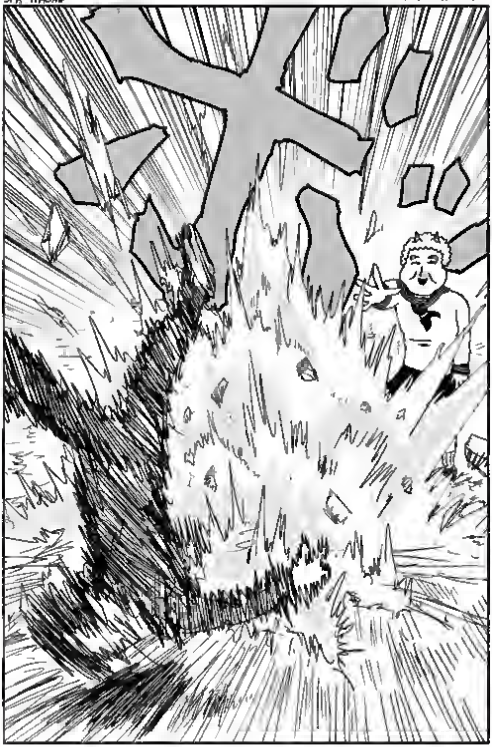

Ignore
SUP, TAROU !!
SUP
fwip
SUP
HUH?
...TA-ROU? ...SUP?
HUH ..?
fwip
SUP
tap
SUP!!
THOUGHT I'D TRY IGNORING HER TODAY, BUT THIS IS EVEN WORSE THAN NORMAL
silence
TA-ROU ...
TA... TA-ROU ...
fwip
fwip

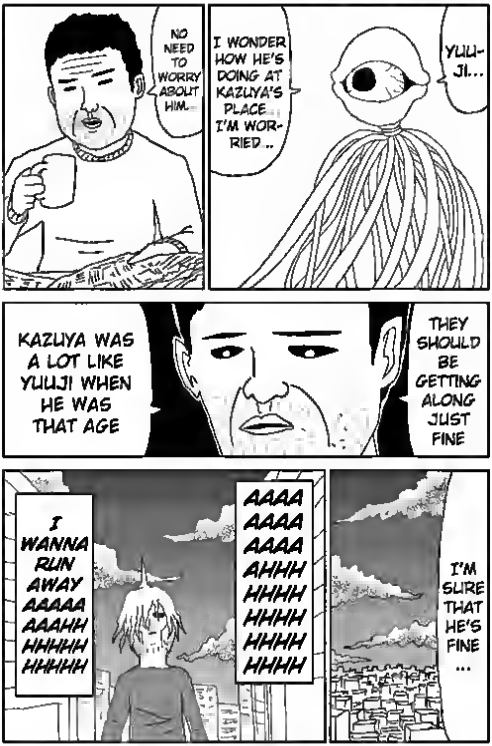
SFX: SMACK SMACK SMACK SMACK SMACK SMACK
Punching pretty hard
WHAT IS IT, TAROU?


SFX PUSH
Countering lightly
OH, TAROU, YOU TEASE

SFX WHOMP

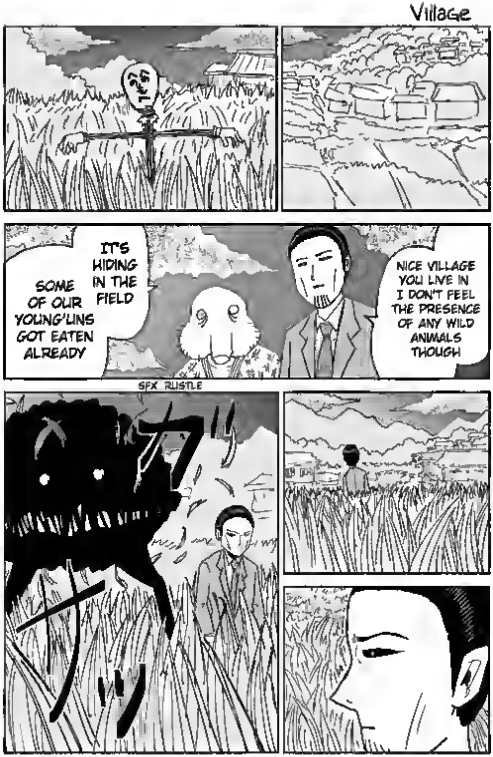
Regret



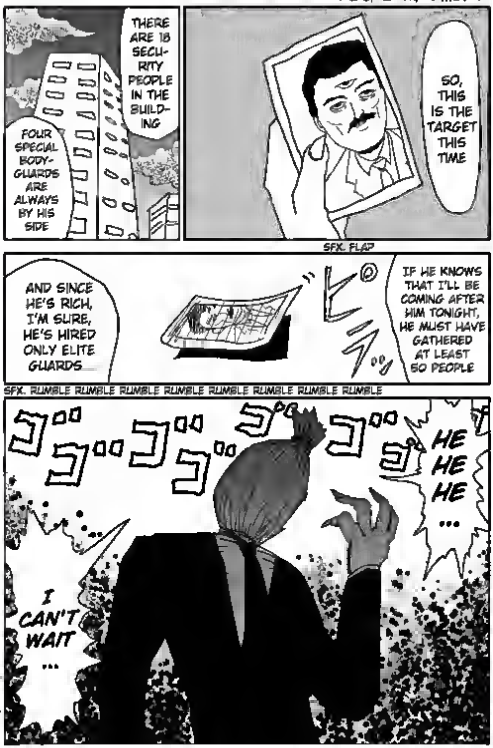

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HIM...
I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING AT KAZUYA'S PLACE... I'M WORRIED..
YUU-JI...
KAZUYA WAS A LOT LIKE YUUJI WHEN HE WAS THAT AGE
THEY SHOULD BE GETTING ALONG JUST FINE
I WANNA RUN AWAY AAAAA AAAHH HHHHH HHHH
AAAA AAAA AAAA AHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH
I'M SURE THAT HE'S FINE ...

LISTEN CAREFULLY, YUUJI
THERE ARE ROUGHLY THREE TYPES OF TARGETS
MY UNCLE KAZUYA IS A HIT-MAN
HE KILLS ANYTHING IF HE'S PAID FOR IT
AND I HELP HIM OUT WITH IT
FIRST THERE ARE HARMFUL BUGS AND PESTS ETC
WE GET THIS TYPE THE MOST BUT DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN OR ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN
EXAMPLE TARGETS
THEN THERE'S WILD ANIMALS, DANGEROUS INSECTS AND BIG CREATURES
DO SOME RESEARCH ON THEM TO PREPARE YOURSELF BEFOREHAND OR IT MIGHT EVEN COST YOUR LIFE
LASTLY THERE'S ALL THE OTHER INTELLIGENT BEINGS IN THIS UNDERWORLD
SOMETIMES THEY'RE EVEN OUT TO KILL US
I ONLY HAD YOU HELP ME OUT WITH GETTING RID OF LITTLE INSECTS SO FAR...
BUT THIS TIME, WE GOT TWO BIG ONES AT ONCE ...

THE FIRST CLIENT IS A FARMER THAT WANTS US TO GET RID OF SOME WILD ANIMAL THAT'S BEEN DAMAGING HIS CROPS
THE SECOND CLIENT WANTS US TO "KILL A HITMAN THAT'S OUT TO KILL HIM" ...
BOTH ARE URGENT REQUESTS AND IF I WORKED ALONE, I'D ONLY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ONE
... HOW-EVER
THE PAY IS VERY GOOD IN BOTH CASES
SO, I WANTED TO SUG-GEST WORKING SEPA-RATELY THIS TIME
YOU CAN EVEN KEEP THE PAY FROM THAT JOB
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WILL YOU TRY TAKING ON A JOB ON YOUR OWN?
I'LL LET YOU PICK THE ONE YOU PREFER TOO.
NO THANK YOU
WHAT WILL YUJI'S ANS-WER BE...?

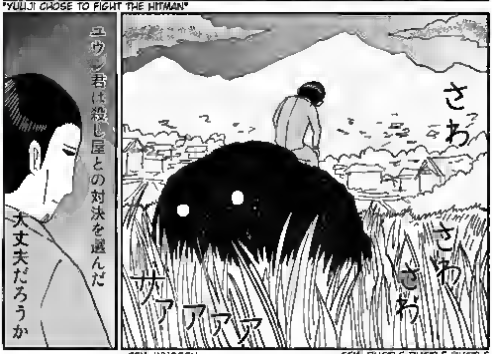

Village
NICE VILLAGE YOU LIVE IN I DON'T FEEL THE PRESENCE OF ANY WILD ANIMALS THOUGH
IT'S HIDING IN THE FIELD
SOME OF OUR YOUNG'LINS GOT EATEN ALREADY
SFX RUSTLE

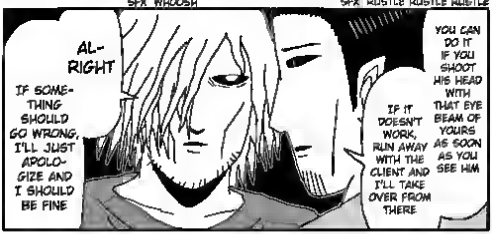
WELL, YEAH ...
ARE YOU THE HITMAN THAT TOOK ON MY REQUEST?
I WANT YOU TO KILL THE HITMAN THAT'S AFTER ME FOR A CERTAIN REASON
THINK YOU CAN DO IT?
IT'S JUST AS I WROTE IN THE MAIL I SENT YOU
IF THE TARGET IS SOMEONE YOU CAN TALK TO I'LL JUST APOLOGIZE AND BEG HIM TO LET ME GO
I KNOW FROM A CERTAIN SOURCE THAT SAID HITMAN WILL COME FOR ME TONIGHT
SO YOU'LL DO IT, HUH?
THIS WILL BE YOUR PAY

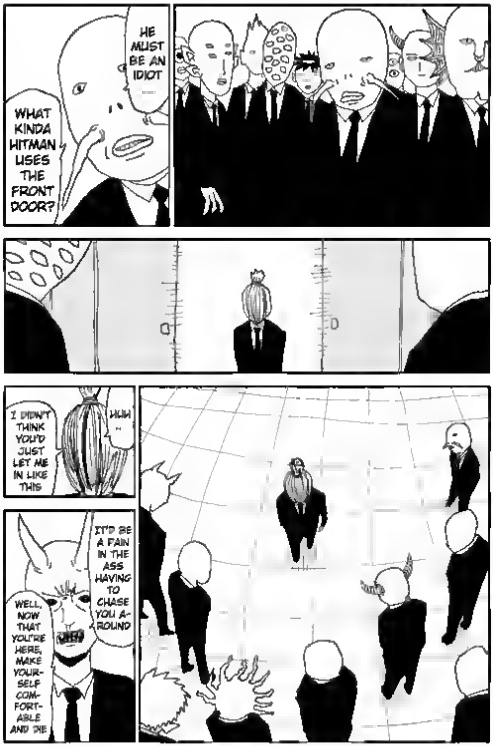

THERE ARE 18 SECURITY PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING
FOUR SPECIAL BODYGUARDS ARE ALWAYS BY HIS SIDE
SO, THIS IS THE TARGET THIS TIME
SFX. FLAP
AND SINCE HE'S RICH, I'M SURE, HE'S HIRED ONLY ELITE GUARDS...
IF HE KNOWS THAT I'LL BE COMING AFTER HIM TONIGHT, HE MUST HAVE GATHERED AT LEAST 50 PEOPLE
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
HE HE HE ...
I CAN'T WAIT ...
A STRONG-LOOKING VILLAIN MAKES HIS APPEARANCE. !!

Treating it like some regular part-time job

"YUU..? I CHOSE TO FIGHT THE HITMAN"

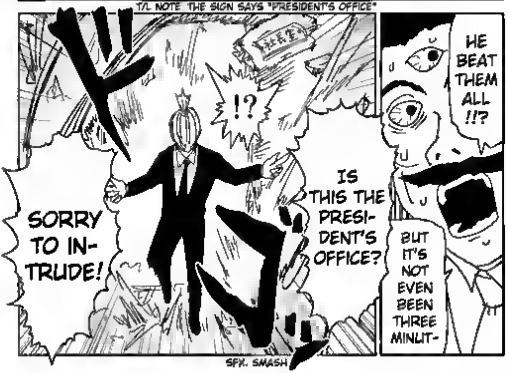



AL-RIGHT
IF SOME-THING SHOULD GO WRONG, I'LL JUST APOLO-GIZE AND I SHOULD BE FINE
IF IT DOESN'T WORK, RUN AWAY WITH THE CLIENT AND I'LL TAKE OVER FROM THERE
YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU SHOOT HIS HEAD WITH THAT EYE BEAM OF YOURS AS SOON AS YOU SEE HIM


WHAT KINDA HITMAN USES THE FRONT DOOR?
HE MUST BE AN IDIOT
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D JUST LET ME IN LIKE THIS
HUH
WELL, NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE AND BE
IT'D BE A PAIN IN THE ASS HAVING TO CHASE YOU AROUND

THE HITMAN JUST INFILTRATED THE LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR
I NEED YOU TO STAY HERE FOR NOW THOUGH
IF HE BY SOME CHANCE, MANAGES TO GET PAST THE SECURITY GUARDS, YOU'LL BE MY LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

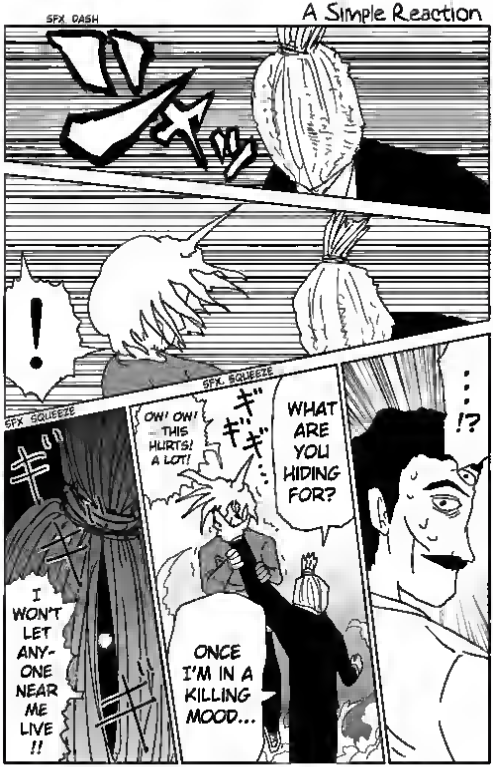
T/L NOTE: THE SIGN SAYS "PRESIDENT'S OFFICE"



SFX THUD THUD
No intention to protect him
THE PRESI-DENT'S BODY-GUARDS ARE STILL HERE AND THE PRESI-DENT IS HERE TOO
I'M THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE. THAT MEANS, THE BODY-GUARDS WILL FIGHT FIRST AND THEN THE PRESIDENT BEFORE IT'S MY TURN, RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY... THERE IS NO NEED TO PANIC YET...

SEX RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
Checkmate
SEX RUMBLE RUMBLE

SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
HOW STRONG IS THE PRESIDENT ...!?


SFX: DASH
!
SFX: SQUEEZE
SFX: SQUEEZE
I WON'T LET ANY-ONE NEAR ME LIVE !!
OW! OW! — THIS HURTS! A LOT!
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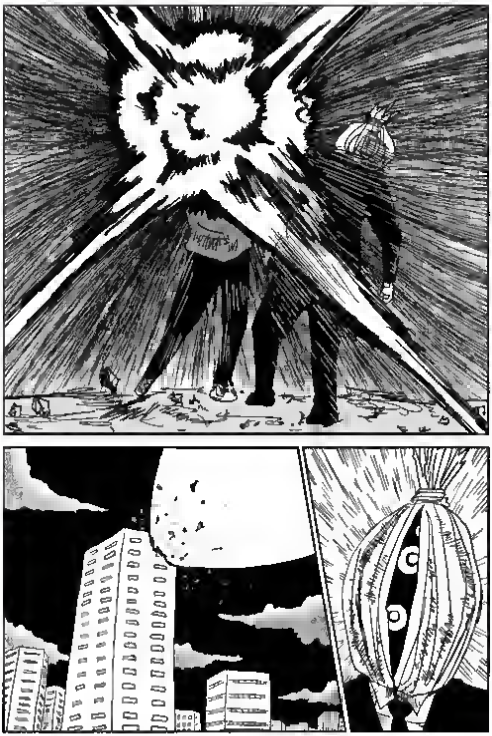
ONCE I'M IN A KILLING MOOD...
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING FOR?
…!?

I'LL CRUSH YOUR FACE
IN MY HAND JUST LIKE THIS
HE HE HE ...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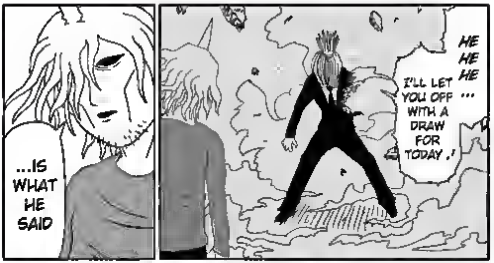
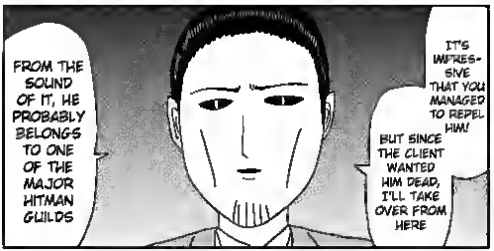
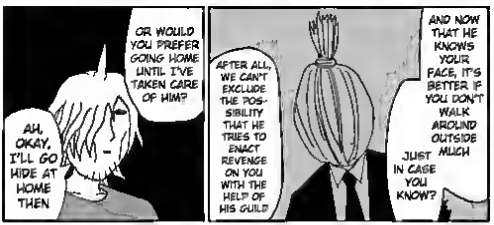
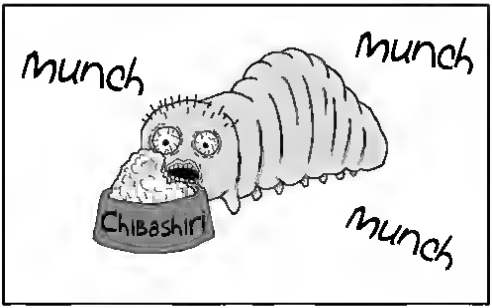

...IS WHAT HE SAID
I'LL LET YOU OFF ... WITH A DRAW FOR TODAY.'
ME HE HE


FROM THE SOUND OF IT, HE PROBABLY BELONGS TO ONE OF THE MAJOR HITMAN GUILDS
IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU MANAGED TO REPEL HIM!
BUT SINCE THE CLIENT WANTED HIM DEAD, I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE


AH, OKAY, I'LL GO HIDE AT HOME THEN
OR WOULD YOU PREFER GOING HOME UNTIL I'VE TAKEN CARE OF HIM?
AFTER ALL, WE CAN'T EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE TRIES TO ENACT REVENGE ON YOU WITH THE HELP OF HIS GUILD
AND NOW THAT HE KNOWS YOUR FACE, IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T WALK AROUND OUTSIDE MUCH
JUST IN CASE YOU KNOW?


Munch
Munch
Munch
Chibashiri

THAT HE STARTED WORKING IS SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THOUGH
HE'S SAD HE CAN'T SEE BIG BROTHER YUUJI ANYMORE SINCE HE STARTED WORKING

AHH... SO HE GOT FIRED, HUH?
YUUJI SAID HE'LL COME BACK HOME TOMORROW

CHIBASHIRI'S BEEN GAINING WEIGHT, HUH?
Munch
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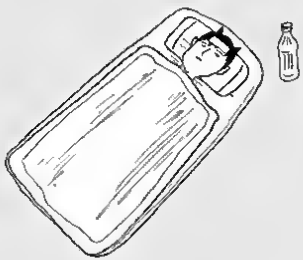
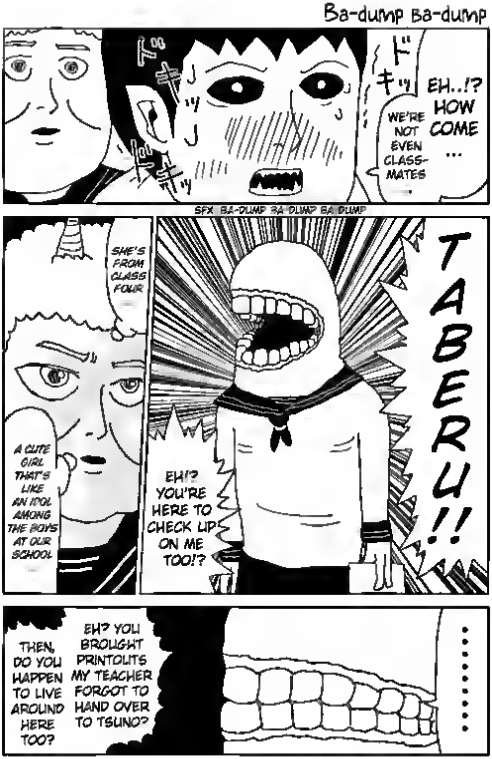
Munch
Burp
HE HASN'T BEEN FEELING WELL LATELY

. . . . .

I CAUGHT A COLD.



Kleenex
I'M HERE TO SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING!
SUP, TAROU! HEARD YOU CAUGHT A COLD!?
SFX: BAM
I GOT PRINTOUTS FROM YOUR TEACHER AND SOME STEAMED BUNS FOR YOU
RUSTLE
STEAMED BUNS FOR SOMEONE WITH A COLD? DON'T BUY STUFF JUST 'CAUSE YOU LIKE 'EM
WHAT THE FUCK. WHY'D YOU PUT THE PRINTOUTS INTO THE SAME BAG AS THE STEAMED BUNS...
DING DONG
WHO COULD IT BE THIS TIME?
HEHE
AWW HE'S BLUSHING
WHA? I'LL KILL YOU..
YOUR FACE IS ALL RED, BIG BROTHER
YEAH, 'CAUSE I GOT FEVER
LIKE FOR REAL
TAROU! IT'S ANOTHER GIRL FROM YOUR SCHOOL
EH?


Ba-dump Ba-dump
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EH..!? HOW COME ...
WE'RE NOT EVEN CLASS-MATES
SFX BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
TABERU!!
EH!? YOU'RE HERE TO CHECK UP ON ME TOO!?
SHE'S FROM CLASS FOUR
A CUTE GIRL THAT'S LIKE AN IDOL AMONG THE BOYS AT OUR SCHOOL
EH? YOU BROUGHT PRINTOUTS MY TEACHER FORGOT TO HAND OVER TO TSUNO?
THEN, DO YOU HAPPEN TO LIVE AROUND HERE TOO?
.....

IF SHE TURNS OUT TO BE A LOVE RIVAL, IT MEANS WAR..
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF RELATION THIS GIRL AND TAROU HAVE..
WOW WOW
HAS SPRINGTIME FINALLY COME TO MY GARDEN OF LOVE!?
PIOP PIOP PIOP
DROOLING IS A SIGN OF FRIEND-SHIP IN TABERU'S TRIBE !!
HUH ..!? SHE'S DROOL-ING..!?
SFX GROWL
MOM! MOM! PLEASE PREPARE DINNER NOW!
SHE'S OUR GUEST AFTER ALL!!
TABERU, PLEASE STAY FOR DINNER IF YOU LIKE!!
HUH!? TABERU'S TUMMY'S RUMBLING
..WELL, OKAY, IF YOU INSIST, TAROU
YOU'RE GONNA STAY TOO!!?

Not fun

SFX: BLOB BLOB BLOB BLOB BLOB BLOB BLOB BLOB
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SFX: RING RING
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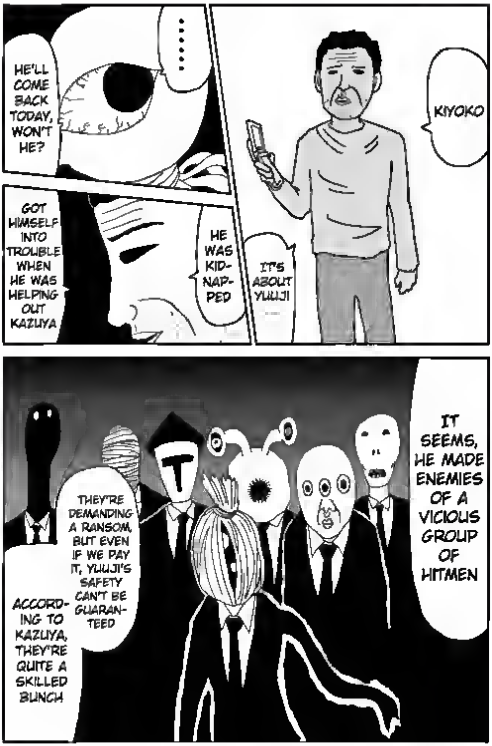
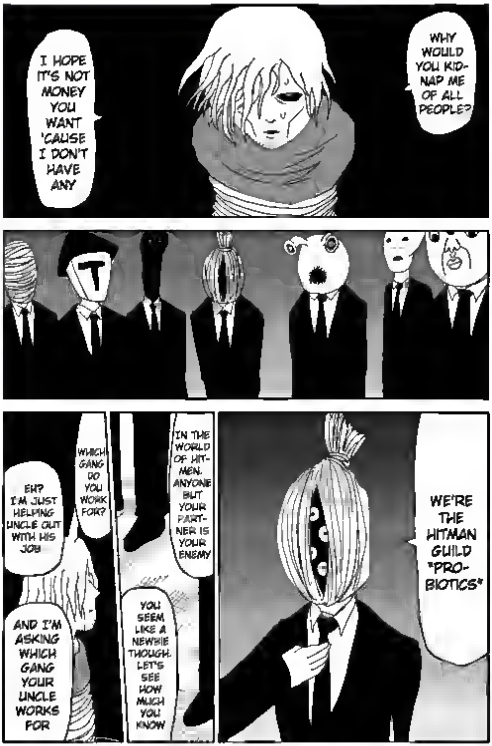
BIG BRO
WE GOT A BIG PROB-LEM...
HELLO, IS IT YOU KAZUYA? WHAT'S UP?
Kazuya
WHAT? YUUJI GOT KIDNAP-PED?


KIYOKO
IT'S ABOUT YUUJI
HE WAS KIDNAPPED
GOT HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE WHEN HE WAS HELPING OUT KAZUYA
HE'LL COME BACK TODAY, WON'T HE?
IT SEEMS, HE MADE ENEMIES OF A VICIOUS GROUP OF HITMEN
THEY'RE DEMANDING A RANSOM, BUT EVEN IF WE PAY IT, YUUJI'S SAFETY CAN'T BE GUARANTEED
ACCORDING TO KAZUYA, THEY'RE QUITE A SKILLED BUNCH


I HOPE IT'S NOT MONEY YOU WANT 'CAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY
WHY WOULD YOU KIDNAP ME OF ALL PEOPLE?
T
WE'RE THE HITMAN GUILD "PROBIOTICS"
IN THE WORLD OF HITMEN, ANYONE BUT YOUR PARTNER IS YOUR ENEMY
YOU SEEM LIKE A NEWBIE THOUGH. LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW
WHICH GANG DO YOU WORK FOR?
EH? I'M JUST HELPING UNCLE OUT WITH HIS JOB
AND I'M ASKING WHICH GANG YOUR UNCLE WORKS FOR

ONE PUNCH MAN 01

ONE 原作 村田雄介

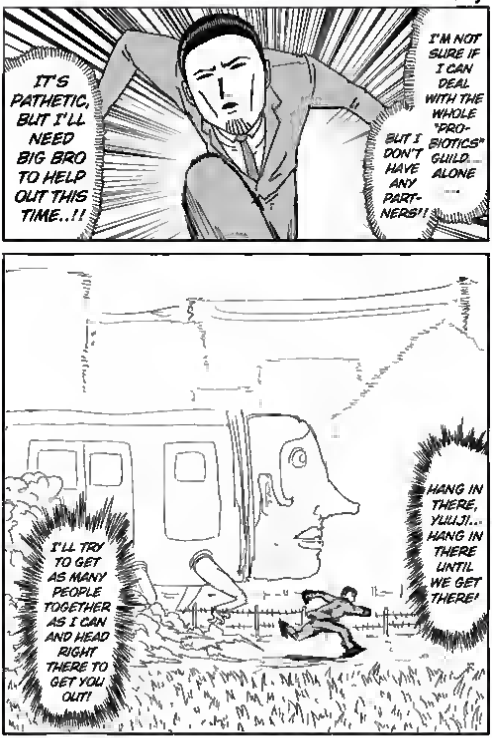
GET FIRED UP!!!

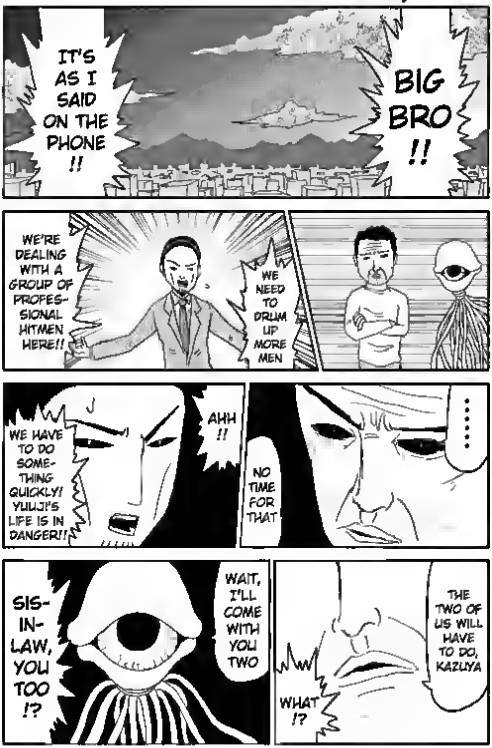
One Punch Man 1 2 OUT NOW

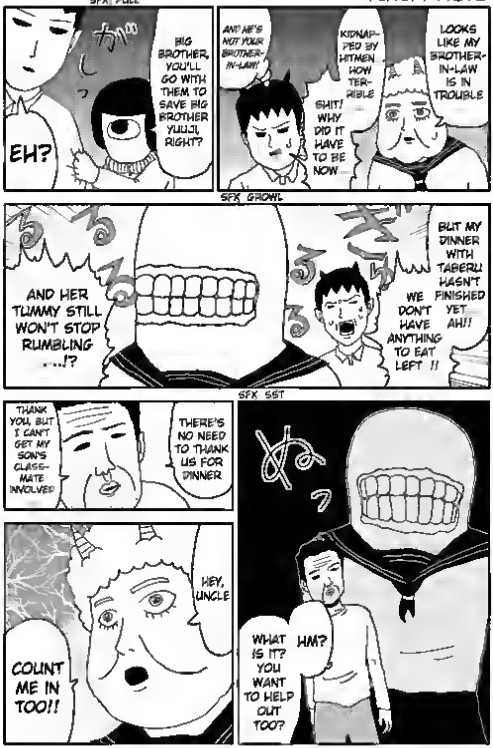
The new volumes! It's my turn to read now!!
Let me read One-punch-man!!
How about no?
Eh? Umm.. Let's see...
sfx crackle crackle
Protected it with his life

JUMP COMICS

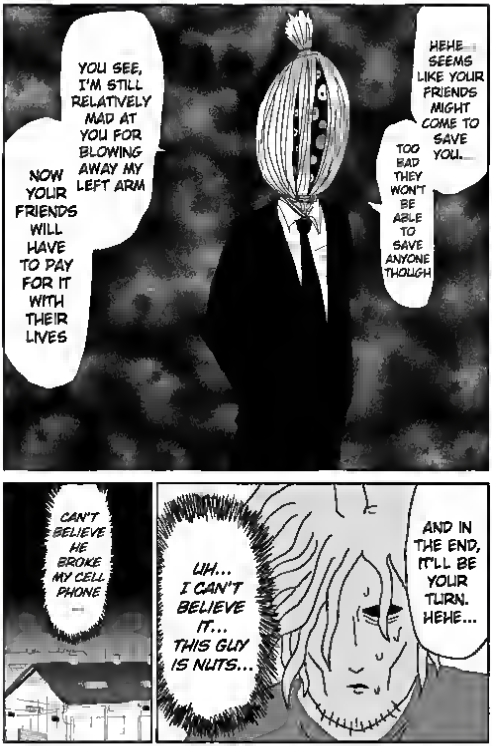
In a great hurry


IT'S PATHETIC, BUT I'LL NEED BIG BRO TO HELP OUT THIS TIME..!!
I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN DEAL WITH THE WHOLE "PRO-BIOTICS" GUILD... ALONE...
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY PART-NERS!!
I'LL TRY TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE TOGETHER AS I CAN AND HEAD RIGHT THERE TO GET YOU OUT!
HANG IN THERE, YUUJI... HANG IN THERE UNTIL WE GET THERE!


IT'S AS I SAID ON THE PHONE !!
BIG BRO !!
WE'RE DEALING WITH A GROUP OF PROFES-SIONAL HITMEN HERE!!
WE NEED TO DRUM UP MORE MEN
WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING QUICKLY! YUUJI'S LIFE IS IN DANGER!!
AHH !!
NO TIME FOR THAT
.....
SIS-IN-LAW, YOU TOO !?
WAIT, I'LL COME WITH YOU TWO
WHAT !?
THE TWO OF US WILL HAVE TO DO, KAZUYA


SFX: FULL
EH?
BIG BROTHER, YOU'LL GO WITH THEM TO SAVE BIG BROTHER YUUJI, RIGHT?
AND HE'S NOT YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW!
KIDNAPPED BY HITMEN, HOW TERRIBLE
SHIT! WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE NOW
LOOKS LIKE MY BROTHER-IN-LAW IS IN TROUBLE
SFX: GROWL
AND HER TUMMY STILL WON'T STOP RUMBLING ...!?
BUT MY DINNER WITH TABERU HASN'T FINISHED YET. AH!!
WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT LEFT !!
SFX: SST
THANK YOU, BUT I CAN'T GET MY SON'S CLASSMATE INVOLVED
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK US FOR DINNER
HEY, UNCLE
COUNT ME IN TOO!!
HM?
WHAT IS IT? YOU WANT TO HELP OUT TOO?

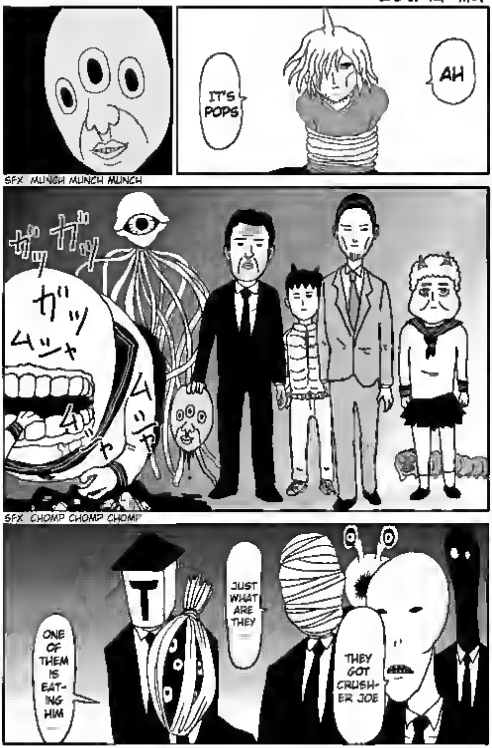
Yuuji's cell phone
Beep
I GUESS, YOU'RE THE ONE THE GUY HERE KEEPS CALLING UNCLE?
YES, YES, HELLO?
ring ring ring ring ring
HEHE. COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
BUT DON'T MAKE US WAIT TOO LONG
I'LL PAY THE MONEY
IS YUUJI OKAY?
AND YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SENT THE BLACKMAIL E-MAIL, HUH?
snap
I'LL TEACH YOU WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST WALTZ INTO THE WORLD OF HITMEN
OH YEAH, YOU CAN BRING AS MANY BUDDIES WITH YOU AS YOU WANT. YOU KNOW WHAT? BRING A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'EM


HEHE SEEMS LIKE YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT COME TO SAVE YOU...
TOO BAD THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE ANYONE THOUGH
YOU SEE, I'M STILL RELATIVELY MAD AT YOU FOR BLOWING AWAY MY LEFT ARM
NOW YOUR FRIENDS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT WITH THEIR LIVES
CAN'T BELIEVE HE BROKE MY CELL PHONE
UH... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... THIS GUY IS NUTS...
AND IN THE END, IT'LL BE YOUR TURN. HEHE...

I'll do it

A RED ROOF THERE IT IS
YUUJI IS IN THAT WARE-HOUSE THEN
BE CAREFUL, BIG BRO THEY'RE PROS
SFX SMASH
SFX RUMB...E RUMB...E RUMBLE
THEY'RE HERE WUH...
SFX SST
WAIT ...
I'LL PLAY WITH THEM FIRST ...

Eating him


IT'S POPS
AH
SFX MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
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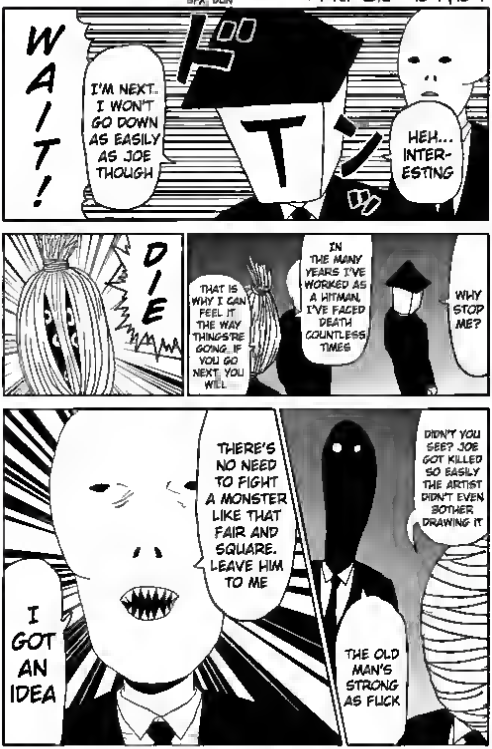
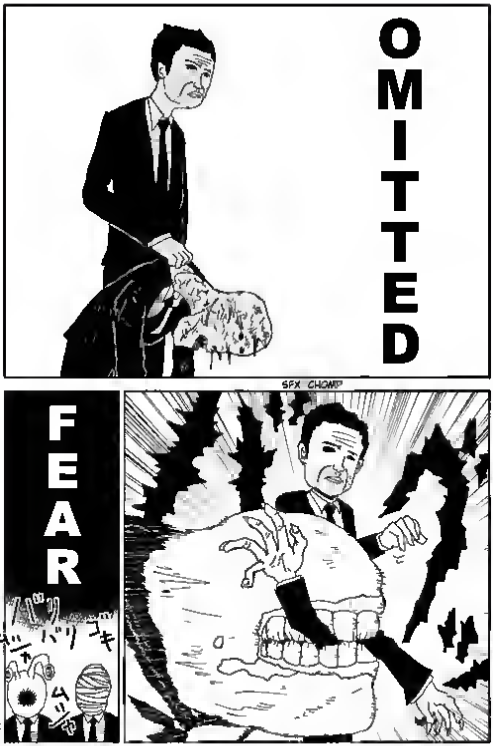
SFX CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
ONE OF THEM IS EAT-ING HIM ...
JUST WHAT ARE THEY
THEY GOT CRUSH-ER JOE

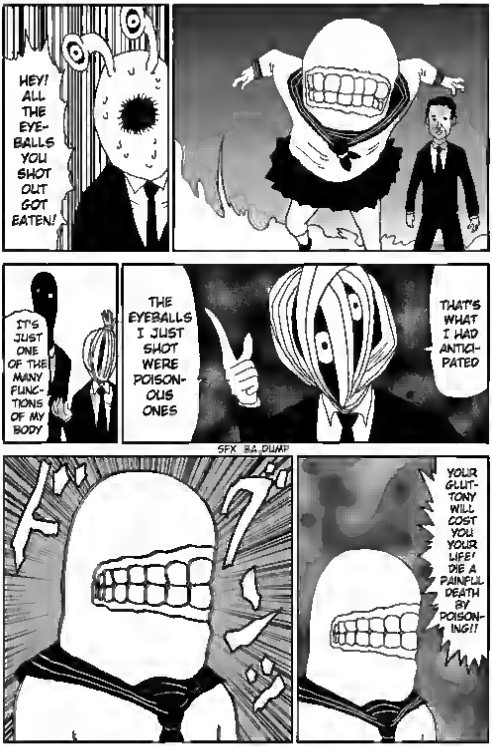

Anti-Old-Man plan
SFX: DUN
WAIT!
I'M NEXT. I WON'T GO DOWN AS EASILY AS JOE THOUGH
HEH... INTER-ESTING
WHY STOP ME?
IN THE MANY YEARS I'VE WORKED AS A HITMAN, I'VE FACED DEATH COUNTLESS TIMES
THAT IS WHY I CAN FEEL IT. THE WAY THINGS'RE GOING. IF YOU GO NEXT, YOU WILL
DIE
DIDN'T YOU SEE? JOE GOT KILLED SO EASILY THE ARTIST DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER DRAWING IT
THERE'S NO NEED TO FIGHT A MONSTER LIKE THAT FAIR AND SQUARE. LEAVE HIM TO ME
THE OLD MAN'S STRONG AS FUCK
I GOT AN IDEA


OMITTED
SFX CHOMP
FEAR
SFX CRACK SNAP
SFX MUNCH MUNCH

Battle scene in the next chapter

OKAY, I HAVE SEEN ALL I NEEDED TO SEE
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN SO FAR, THEY FIGHT JUST LIKE THE AMATEURS THEY ARE
NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY MAY BE...
TSK... DON'T TELL ME YOU GUYS GOT SCARED NOW
SFX: SST
A BUNCHA OLD MEN, WOMEN AND KIDS FIGURED THEY CAN JUST JOIN THE WORLD OF HITMEN, HUH...
JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN HOLD THEIR OWN IN A SCUFFLE
NATTO !!
DAMN TABERU IS GETTING ALL THE ATTENTION...
LET ME TEACH YOU HOW A TRUE PRO FIGHTS ...
BATTLE SCENE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!!

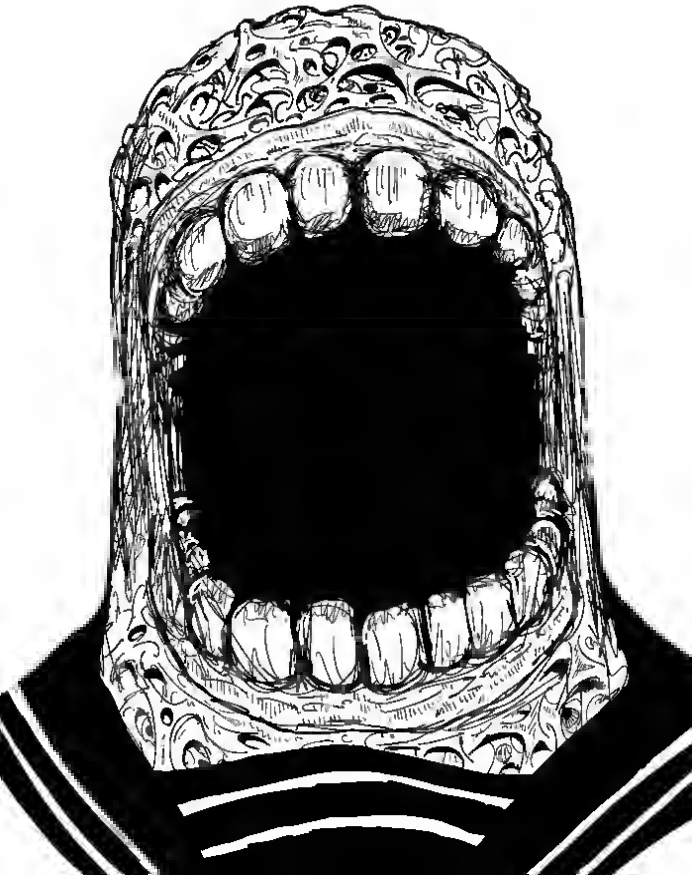
SFX WIGGLE
I CAN CREATE AND CONTROL AN INFINITE NUMBER OF EYES!
SFX WHOOSH
Natto
SFX ZOOM
EAT MY EYEBALLS OF THE MIND!
SFX PEW PEW PEW PEW PEW
SFX GAPE

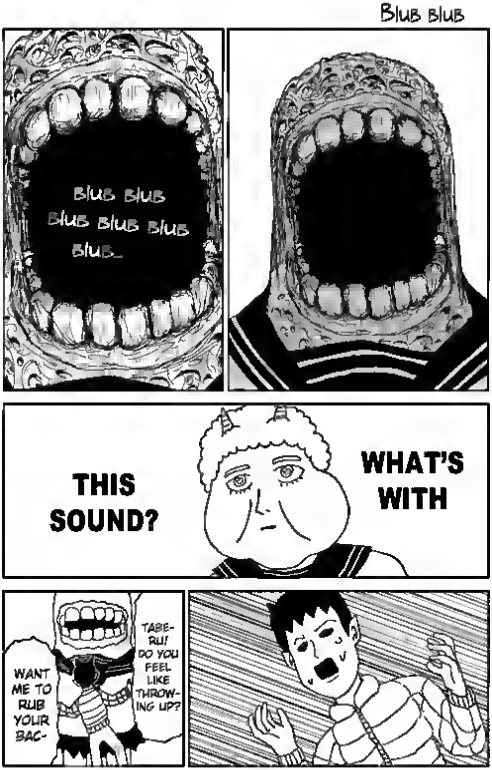

HEY! ALL THE EYE-BALLS YOU SHOT OUT GOT EATEN!
IT'S JUST ONE OF THE MANY FUNC-TIONS OF MY BODY
THE EYEBALLS I JUST SHOT WERE POISON-OUS ONES
THAT'S WHAT I HAD ANTICI-PATED
SFX BA DUMP
YOUR GLUT-TONY WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE! DIE A PAINFUL DEATH BY POISON-ING!!

BLUB BLUB
TAROU, DRAG TABERU TO THE BACK!
I'LL DO THIS
TABERU, WHAT'S WRONG!? IS IT THE POISON? DOES IT HURT!?
BLUB BLUB BLUB BLUB BLUB BLUB BLUB BLUB
GROW GROW GROW GROW GROW GROW GROW
SFX BUZZZZ
GUYS! DODGE IT!
SFX CRACKLE CRACKLE

SFX ZAP
!?
!!?
SFX WHOOSH
SFX WHIRL
ATTACK!
MEMBERS OF OUR RACE ONLY NEED THEIR HEADS TO SURVIVE!
YOU CAUGHT US OFF-GUARD BUT IT AIN'T OVER YET!!
SFX SPLAT
!
!

DOES YOUR TUMMY HURT THAT BAD? TABE-RU!!
nu-nu
TABE-RU! OH GOD, TABE-RU!!
HEY, DID YOU SEE THAT?
TAROU, I DID IT.
BURP
SFX: TWITCH TWITCH
THAT'S ONE DOWN FOR THE COUNT! HEHE
UGH!!
AH - WE'RE SO DEAD




BLUB BLUB
BLUB BLUB
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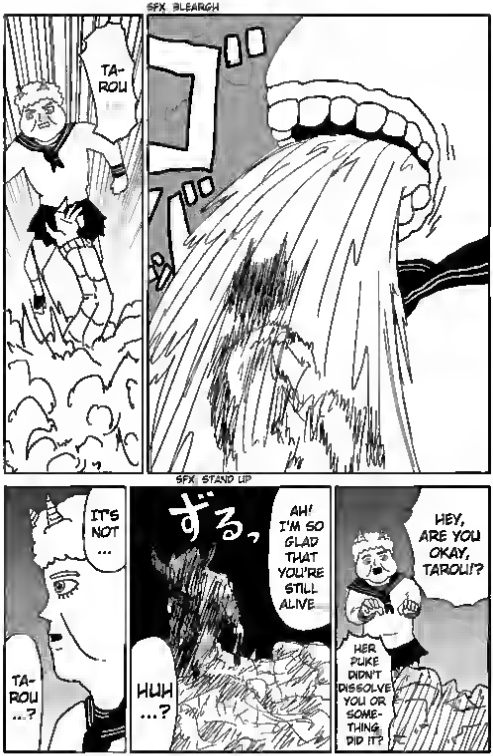
BLUB_
THIS SOUND?
WHAT'S WITH
WANT ME TO RUB YOUR BAC-
TABE-RU! DO YOU FEEL LIKE THROW-ING UP?


SFX: BLEARGH
TA-ROU
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SFX: STAND UP
IT'S NOT ...
TA-ROU ...?
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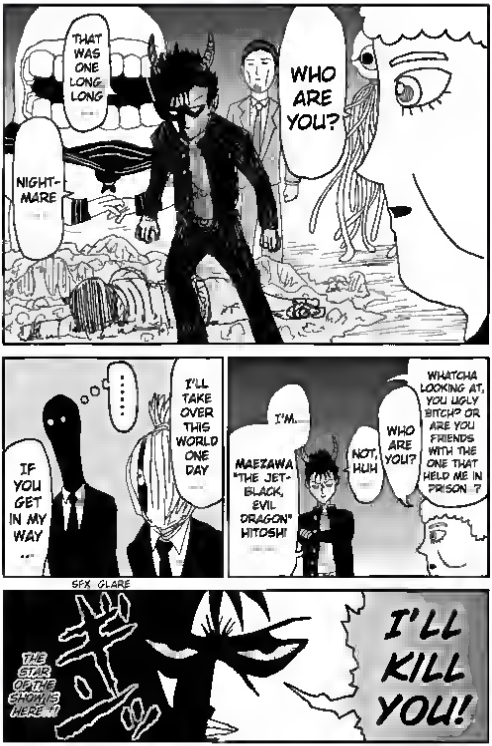
AH! I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
HUH ...?
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY, TAROU!?
HER PUKE DIDN'T DISSOLVE YOU OR SOME-THING, DID IT?

Reappearance

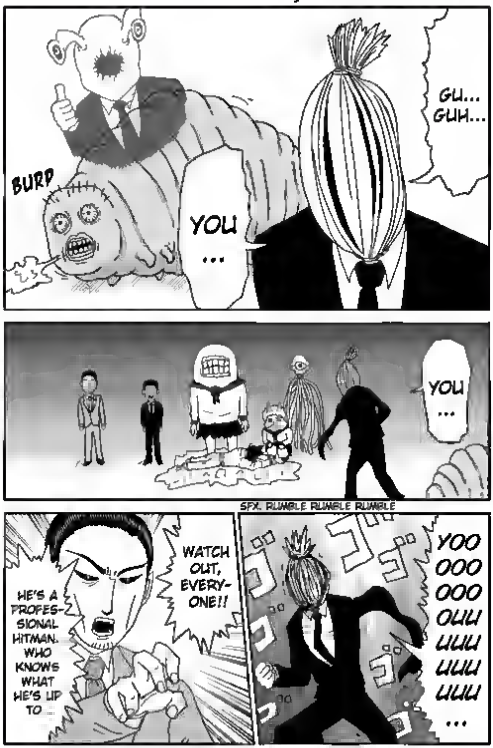

THAT WAS ONE LONG, LONG ...
NIGHT-MARE ...
WHO ARE YOU?
I'LL TAKE OVER THIS WORLD ONE DAY ...
.....
IF YOU GET IN MY WAY ...
I'M...
MAEZAWA "THE JET-BLACK, EVIL DRAGON" HITOSHI!
NOT, HUH
WHO ARE YOU?
WHATCHA LOOKING AT, YOU UGLY BITCH? OR ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH THE ONE THAT HELD ME IN PRISON..?
SFX: GLARE
THE STAR OF THE SHOW IS HERE!!
I'LL KILL YOU!

Playing an active part

WHO'S NEXT?
HEH...

We saw it coming

Saying the same thing


BURP
YOU ...
GU... GUH...
YOU ...
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
WATCH OUT, EVERY-ONE!!
HE'S A PROFES-SIONAL HITMAN. WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'S UP TO...
YOO OOO OOO OUU UUU UUU UUU ...

SFX: CLUNK
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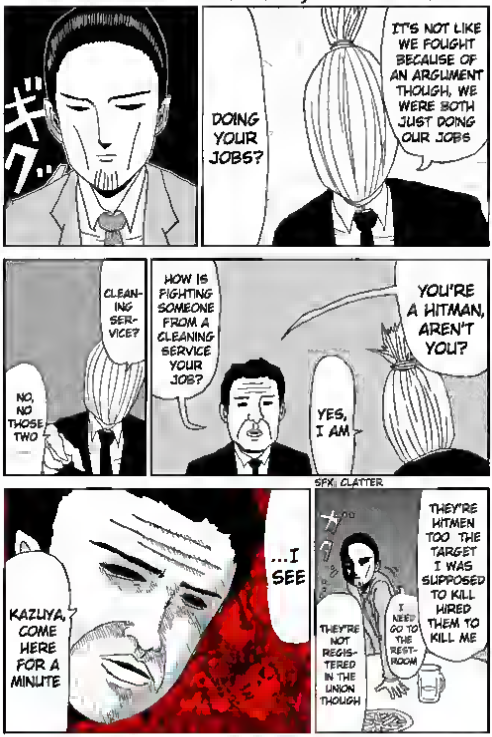
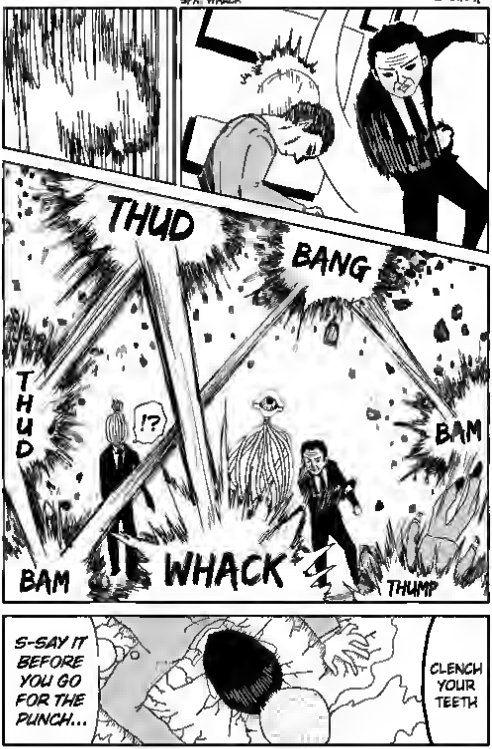
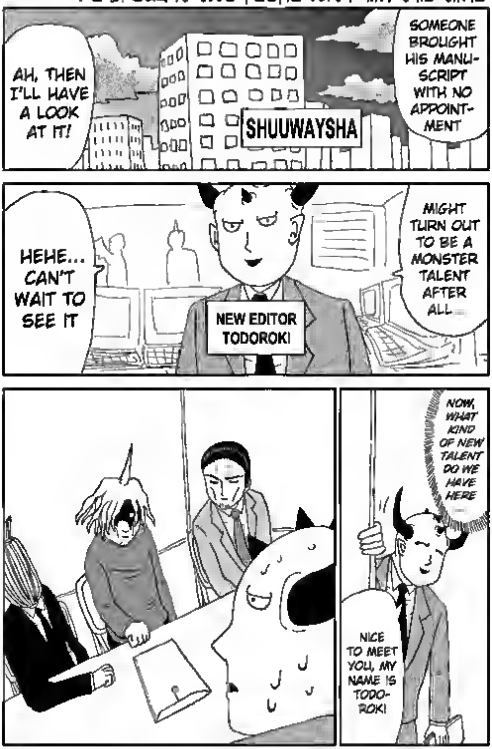
アル
CHEERS
AND A MERRY XMAS TO YOU GUYS!
AND I WAS SURE, AS A PROFESSIONAL HITMAN, YOU WOULD STILL HAVE SOMETHING UP YOUR SLEEVE
NAH, EVEN A PRO CAN'T DO JACK IN A SITUATION AS HOPELESS AS THAT, MAN
WELL, WELL — HAHA HA—
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D FORGIVE ME JUST BECAUSE I APOLOGIZED
I THINK, THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO SETTLE THE MATTER
.....
WELL, IT WAS MY SON THAT STARTED ALL THIS BY INJURING YOU IN A FIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE


SFX GULP
ギク…
DOING YOUR JOBS?
IT'S NOT LIKE WE FOUGHT BECAUSE OF AN ARGUMENT THOUGH, WE WERE BOTH JUST DOING OUR JOBS
NO, NO THOSE TWO
CLEANING SERVICE?
HOW IS FIGHTING SOMEONE FROM A CLEANING SERVICE YOUR JOB?
YES, I AM
YOU'RE A HITMAN, AREN'T YOU?
SFX: CLATTER
KAZUYA, COME HERE FOR A MINUTE
...I SEE
THEY'RE NOT REGISTERED IN THE UNION THOUGH
I NEED TO GO TO THE RESTROOM
THEY'RE HITMEN TOO THE TARGET I WAS SUPPOSED TO KILL HIRED THEM TO KILL ME


SFX. WHACK
Bump
THUD
BANG
THUD
!?
BAM
BAM
WHACK
THUMP
S-SAY IT BEFORE YOU GO FOR THE PUNCH...
CLENCH YOUR TEETH

QUIT IT RIGHT NOW
SAME GOES FOR YUUJI
I KNOW VERY WELL THAT YOU DON'T LIKE VIO-LENCE, BUT
UGH
THAT HITMAN BUSI-NESS ...
WHY DID YOU NOT TELL ME?
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN
AHH
LINCLE
WHAT CAN SOMEONE AS WORTH-LESS AS ME POSSIBLY ACHIEVE IN THIS SOCIETY? TELL ME, BIG BRO!
TELL ME THEN WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO DO?
SFX: RAM

He brought two people with him this time


SHUUWAYSHA
SOMEONE BROUGHT HIS MANU-SCRIPT WITH NO APPOINT-MENT
AH, THEN I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT IT!
NEW EDITOR TODOROKI
MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE A MONSTER TALENT AFTER ALL...
HEHE... CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT
NOW, WHAT KIND OF NEW TALENT DO WE HAVE HERE...
NICE TO MEET YOU, MY NAME IS TODO-ROKI

New Year's Eve

SFX: KER-BONK BONK BONK BONK BONK BONK BONK

A Happy New Year!

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU, DAD!
GIVE ME A MINUTE
... AH
YOU WANT YOUR NEW YEAR'S GIFT HUH?
NOTHING— JUST FIGURED I'D WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR NOW THAT THE NEW YEAR'S COME AROUND
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY SO FORMAL ?
WHAT'S HE SO EXCITED FOR?
SFX BA DUMP BA DUMP

There's something

A new experience

IS KITE-FLYING REALLY FUN?
YEAH!
I WISH EVERY-THING WAS AS CHEAP AS KIDS TOYS
...HEY, LET ME TRY IT TOO
NO
...WHA? WHAT'S WRONG WITH...
COME ON, JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, OKAY?
NO
JUST BUY YOURSELF A KITE TOO THEN, BIG BROTHER
HUH, NO, I DON'T WANT A STUPID KITE
ALL YOU DO IS WATCH IT FLY, HOW'S THAT FUN?
IT'S FUN
THEN LET ME TRY IT, JUST TO SEE HOW IT FEELS
NO

SFX: KER-WHACK
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IT'S ...
IT'S HUGE THIS YEAR !!!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S A LION DANCE !!!
SFX: WAOOSH
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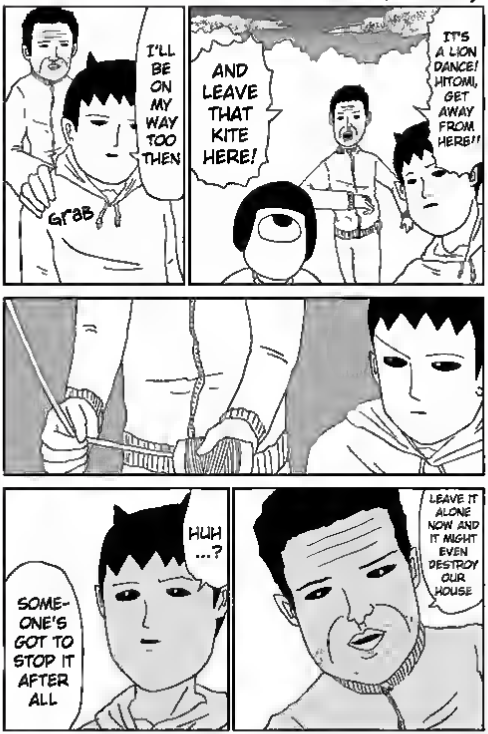
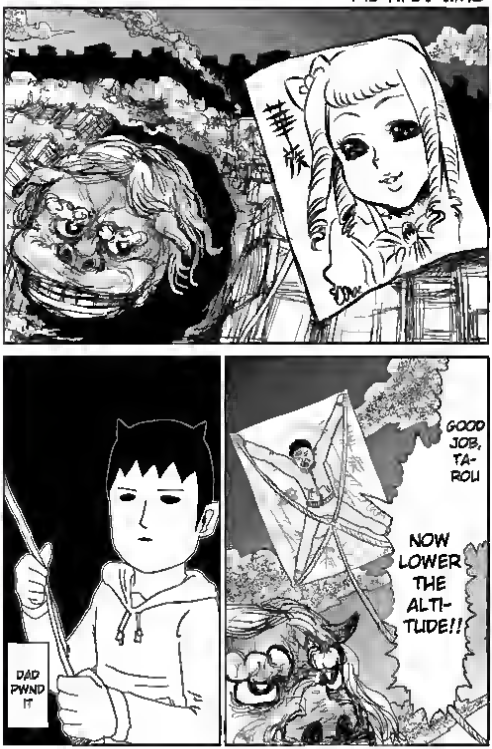
OHH CRAP
WAAH


I'LL BE ON MY WAY TOO THEN
grab
AND LEAVE THAT KITE HERE!
IT'S A LION DANCE! HITOMI, GET AWAY FROM HERE!
HUH ...?
SOME-ONE'S GOT TO STOP IT AFTER ALL
LEAVE IT ALONE NOW AND IT MIGHT EVEN DESTROY OUR HOUSE


His first time
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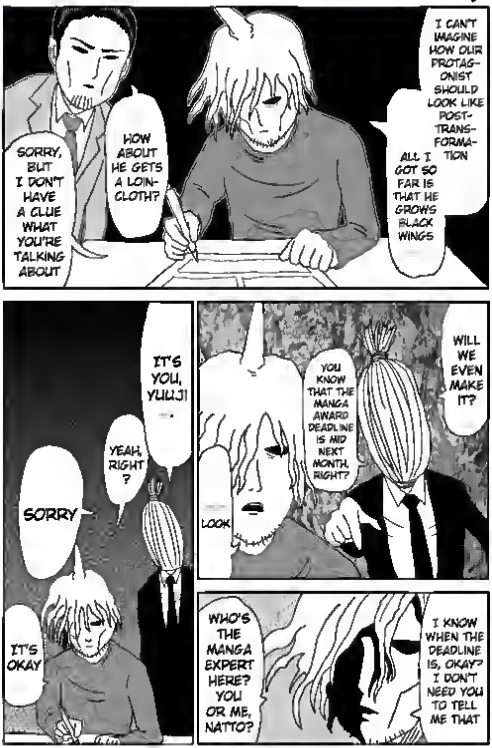
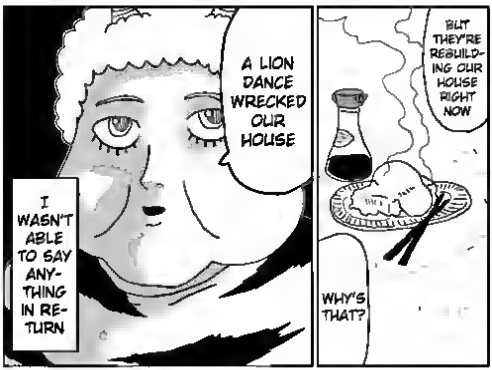
T/L NOTE. THE TEXT ON THE KITE SAYS "NOBILITY"
GOOD JOB, TA-ROU
NOW LOWER THE ALTI-TUDE!!
DAD PWND IT


I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW OUR PROTAG-ONIST SHOULD LOOK LIKE POST-TRANS-FORMA-TION
ALL I GOT SO FAR IS THAT HE GROWS BLACK WINGS
HOW ABOUT HE GETS A LOIN-CLOTH?
SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
WILL WE EVEN MAKE IT?
YOU KNOW THAT THE MANGA AWARD DEADLINE IS MID NEXT MONTH, RIGHT?
LOOK
I KNOW WHEN THE DEADLINE IS, OKAY? I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT
WHO'S THE MANGA EXPERT HERE? YOU OR ME, NATTO?
IT'S YOU, YUUJI
YEAH, RIGHT ?
SORRY
IT'S OKAY

CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
LATE-LY...
beep beep beep beep
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
TSUNO FROM NEXT DOOR, MY UN-WANTED CHILD-HOOD FRIEND
ching
YOU COULD SAY SHE LIVES HERE
I'M NUKING MOCHI WANT SOME?
Whoa
Gya ha ha ha ha
Why the hell?
HAS BEEN STAY-ING AT MY PLACE EVERY DAY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

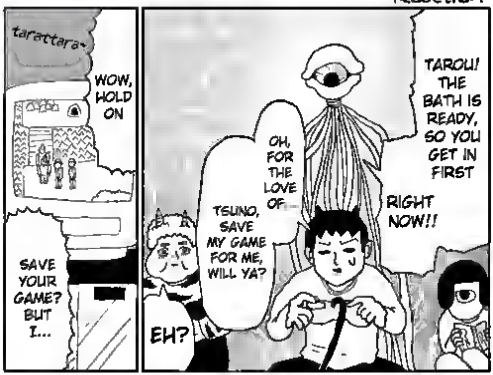
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN PLACE!
WHY THE FUCK !?
Swish
I THINK I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE

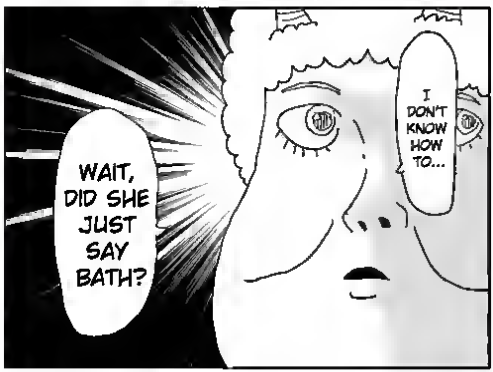
MOM MAY ALLOW IT, BUT NOT ME JUST GO HOME ALREADY!
HUH? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE PLANNING ON STAYING FOR THE REST OF WINTER HOLIDAYS
ISN'T IT A GREAT WAY TO START THE NEW YEAR?
COME ON, DON'T BE LIKE THAT. I KNOW YOU'RE ACTUALLY HAPPY


I WASN'T ABLE TO SAY ANY-THING IN RE-TURN
A LION DANCE WRECKED OUR HOUSE
WHY'S THAT?
BUT THEY'RE REBUILD-ING OUR HOUSE RIGHT NOW

IF POSSIBLE, WE WANT IT TO LOOK KIND OF LIKE THIS
Image
Flap
NO PROBLEM
TSUNO'S PARENTS HIRED ONE OF THE BEST CARPENTERS OF THE UNDERWORLD TO REBUILD THEIR HOUSE
IT'LL TAKE ABOUT TWO TO THREE THOUSAND YEARS
AHH... THAT LONG, HUH?
CAN YOU GIVE US AN ESTIMATE ON HOW MANY MONTHS IT WILL TAKE?
Image
HMM, WELL... JUDGING FROM YOUR IMAGE I'D SAY IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT 4000 METRES TALL THAT MEANS...
WE'LL GO WITH THAT
AND WHERE ARE WE GONNA LIVE TILL THEN!?
CHANGED YOUR MIND?
NO...

Reaction


tarattara~
WOW, HOLD ON
SAVE YOUR GAME? BUT I...
TAROU! THE BATH IS READY, SO YOU GET IN FIRST
RIGHT NOW!!
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF
TSUNO, SAVE MY GAME FOR ME, WILL YA?
EH?



ROMANTIC COMEDY SCENE IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!!!

TSUNO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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SFX. DRIP
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SFX. CREAK... KER-CHAK...
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SFX. SWISH SWISH SWISH SWISH
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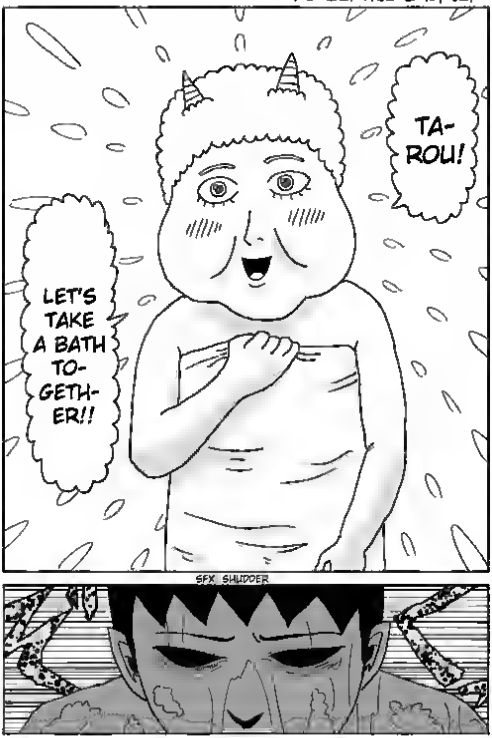
Fanservice Chapter



LAST TIME ON "OLD MAN OF THE UNDER-WORLD" I FOUND MYSELF LOCKED UP NAKED IN A ROOM WITH A MONSTER.
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SFX: SQUELCH
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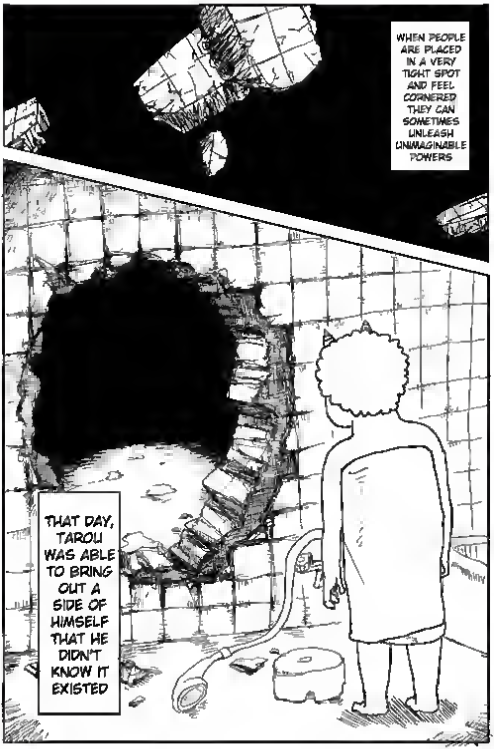
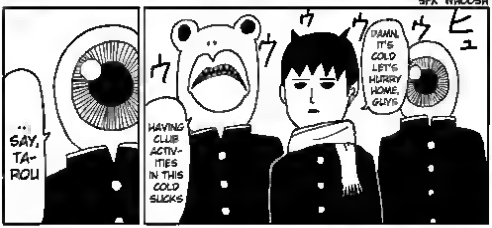
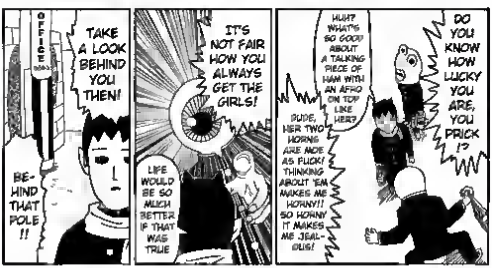

WHEN PEOPLE ARE PLACED IN A VERY TIGHT SPOT AND FEEL CORNERED THEY CAN SOMETIMES UNLEASH UNIMAGINABLE POWERS
THAT DAY, TAROU WAS ABLE TO BRING OUT A SIDE OF HIMSELF THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW IT EXISTED

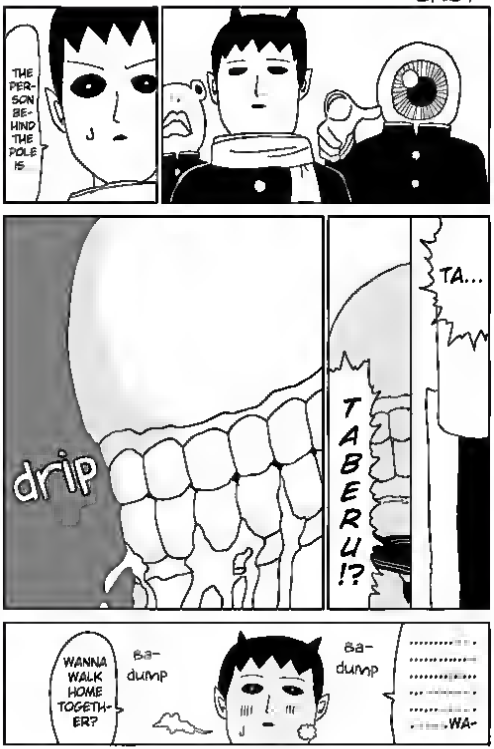
Fetish

SFX: WHOOSH


...SAY, TAROU
HAVING CLUB ACTIVITIES IN THIS COLD SUCKS
DAMN, IT'S COLD LET'S HURRY HOME, GUYS

I'M SO JEALOUS
HER PLACE GOT HIT BY A LION DANCE
HM? YEAH, WELL, JUST TEMPORARILY
I HEARD YOU RE LIVING WITH TSUNO NOW, IS THAT TRUE?


OUTSIDE
TAKE A LOOK BEHIND YOU THEN!
BEHIND THAT POLE!!
IT'S NOT FAIR HOW YOU ALWAYS GET THE GIRLS!
LIFE WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER IF THAT WAS TRUE
HUH? WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT A TALKING PIECE OF HAM WITH AN AFRO ON TOP LIKE HER?
DUDE, HER TWO HORNS ARE HOT AS FUCK! THINKING ABOUT 'EM MAKES ME HORNY!! SO HORNY IT MAKES ME JEALOUS!
DO YOU KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE, YOU PRICK!?


THE PERSON BEHIND THE POLE IS
drip
TABERU!?
TA...
WANNA WALK HOME TOGETHER?
ba-dump
ba-dump
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Sense of fulfillment

SEE YOU TOMORROW!
MMH? THESE CHEESE SALAD RICE COOKIES ARE PRETTY GOOD!
I'D SAY IT'S AN INSTANT SEVENTH PLACE IN MY ALL-TIME RICE COOKIE RANKING
GOTTA RECOMMEND IT TO TAROU WHEN HE'S BACK
CHEESE SALAD COOKIES

SFX CHUCKLE CHUCKLE

I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER WITH TABERU
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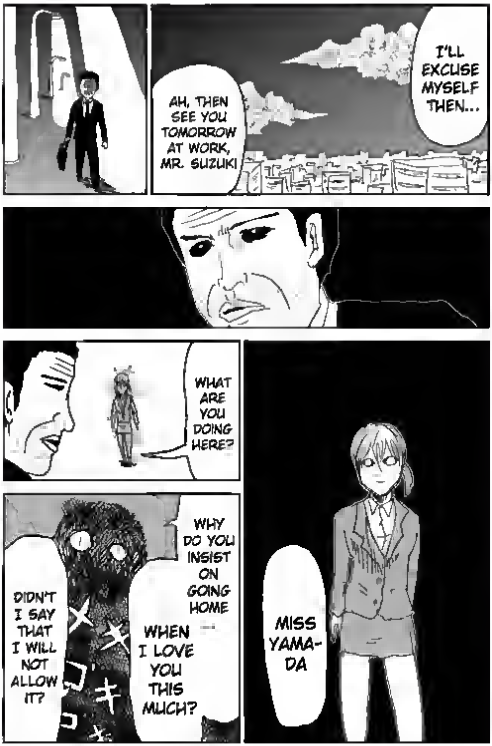
OUT OF MY WAY.
I HAVE TO SAY THE CHEESE TASTES LIKE
I WANNA STAY IMMERSED IN THE SWEET AFTERTASTE A LITTLE LONGER, SO DON'T RUIN IT

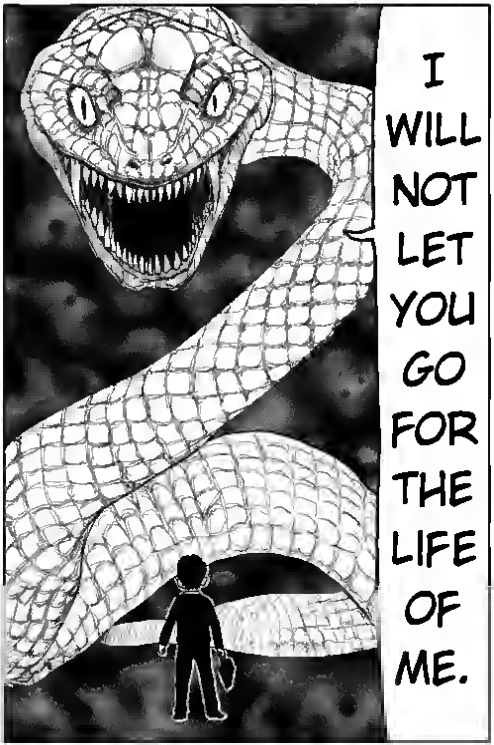
SFX BLUSH

CHEERS
I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE THIS YEAR TOO
CHIEF CLERK SUZUKI
WHY DON'T WE GO FOR A DRINK AFTER THIS? JUST THE TWO OF US
MISS YAMADA ? MY FAMILY IS WAITING FOR ME AT HOME, SO I'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MYSELF WHEN THIS IS OVER.
EHHH, WHAT A PITY! MR. SUZUKI, YOU'RE SUCH A FAMILY MAN, AREN'T YOU?
I THINK YOU'VE HAD A BIT TOO MUCH TO DRINK, MISS YAMADA
I WILL GO HOME
LET YOU GO HOME JUST LIKE THAT
BUT ...
YOU'RE MISTAKEN IF YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD...

T/L NOTE. ALTHOUGH YAMADA IS A VERY COMMON NAME MUCH LIKE SUZUKI, IN HER CASE, IT'S WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR "NIGHT", "EVIL" AND "SNAKE".


AH, THEN SEE YOU TOMORROW AT WORK, MR. SUZUKI
I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF THEN...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MISS YAMA-DA
WHY DO YOU INSIST ON GOING HOME
WHEN I LOVE YOU THIS MUCH?
DIDN'T I SAY THAT I WILL NOT ALLOW IT?

Confinement



A hard battle

WEL-COME BACK
OH MY DAR-LING
YOU'RE HURT! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I'M HOME
IT WAS JUST A NORMAL NEW YEAR'S MEETING, WASN'T IT?
YEAH I JUST TRIPPED AND FELL...
..THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...
WOMEN ARE SCARY
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN WITH WOM-EN, SON
YUU-JI...
WHAT'S WRONG, POPS? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD

TAROU, WE'RE GONNA BE LATE IF YOU DON'T GET UP SOON!!
TSUNO, HELP ME WAKE UP TAROU PLEASE
TA-ROU, IT'S TIME TO GET UP
TSUNO, YOU ALWAYS TAKE SUCH GOOD CARE OF TAROU, HAVING YOU HERE TAKES A BIG LOAD OFF ME
COME ON, TAROU, GET UP NOW OR DO YOU WANT ME TO TICKLE YOU?
SFX BUMP
I'M OFF TO SCH-OOL !!
SFX THUD THUD SLIDE
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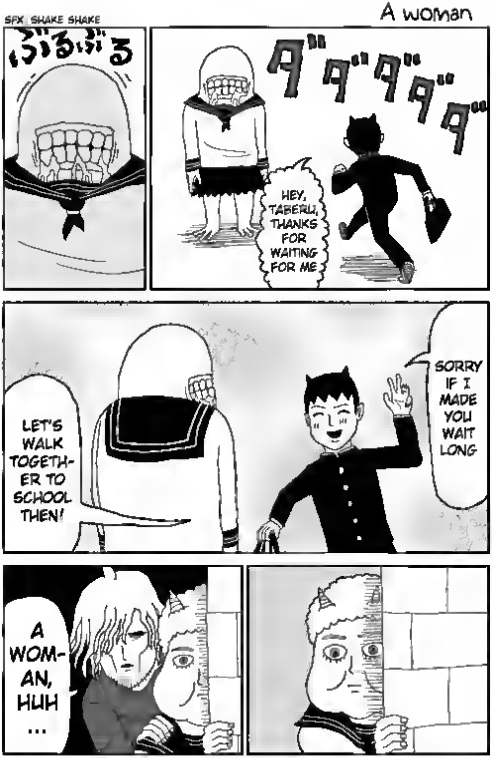
AH, HE GOT UP


SFX SHAKE SHAKE
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A woman
SFX TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
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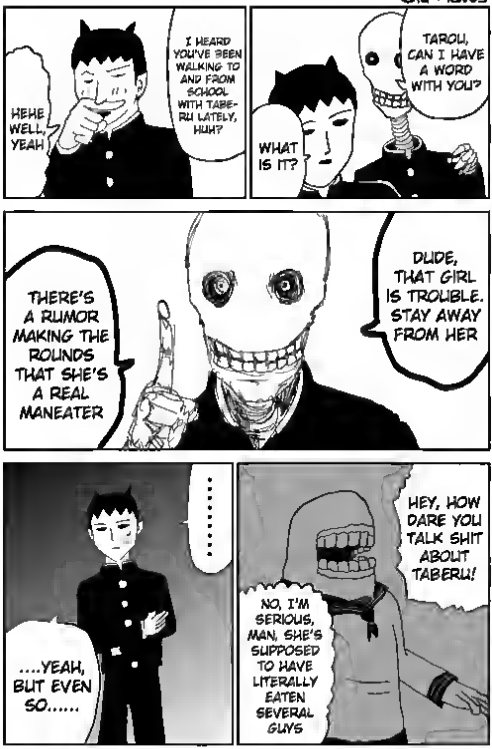
HEY, TABERU, THANKS FOR WAITING FOR ME
SORRY IF I MADE YOU WAIT LONG
LET'S WALK TOGETH-ER TO SCHOOL THEN!
A WOM-AN, HUH ...


I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL WITH TABERU LATELY, HUH?
HEHE WELL, YEAH
TAROU, CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?
WHAT IS IT?
DUDE, THAT GIRL IS TROUBLE. STAY AWAY FROM HER
THERE'S A RUMOR MAKING THE ROUNDS THAT SHE'S A REAL MANEATER
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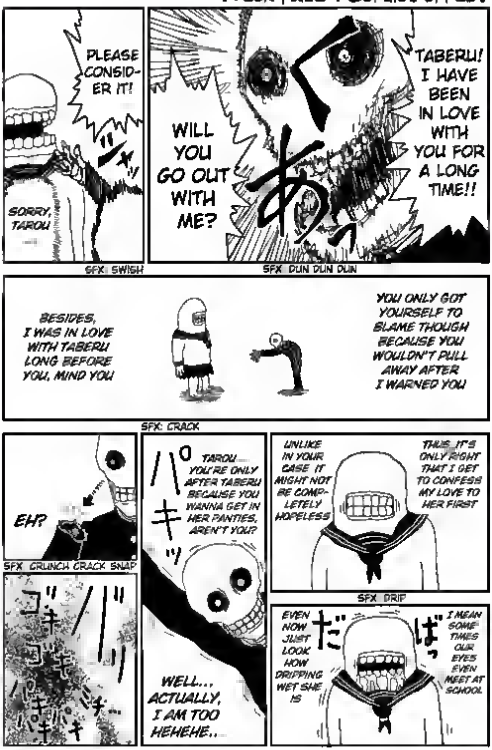
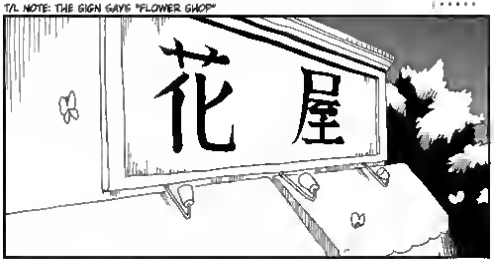
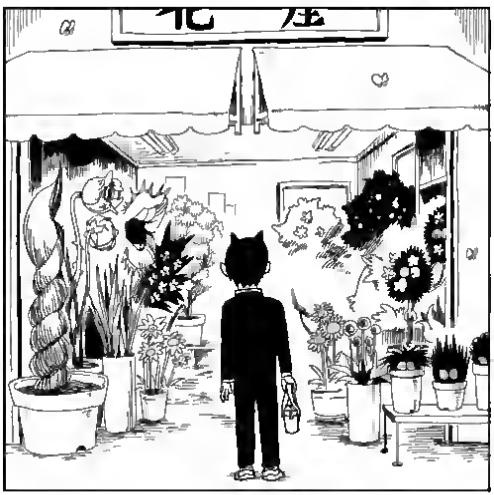
....YEAH, BUT EVEN SO.....
HEY, HOW DARE YOU TALK SHIT ABOUT TABERU!
NO, I'M SERIOUS, MAN, SHE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE LITERALLY EATEN SEVERAL GUYS


Weak pulse→Cardiac arrest
PLEASE CONSIDER IT!
SORRY, TAROU
SFX: SWISH
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
TABERU! I HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME!!
SFX: DUN DUN DUN
BESIDES, I WAS IN LOVE WITH TABERU LONG BEFORE YOU, MIND YOU
YOU ONLY GOT YOURSELF TO BLAME THOUGH BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T PULL AWAY AFTER I WARNED YOU
SFX: CRACK
EH?
SFX: CRUNCH CRACK SNAP
TAROU... YOU'RE ONLY AFTER TABERU BECAUSE YOU WANNA GET IN HER PANTIES, AREN'T YOU?
WELL... ACTUALLY, I AM TOO HEHEHE..
UNLIKE IN YOUR CASE IT MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETELY HOPELESS
THUS, IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I GET TO CONFESS MY LOVE TO HER FIRST
SFX: DRIP
EVEN NOW JUST LOOK HOW DRIPPING WET SHE IS
I MEAN SOMETIMES OUR EYES EVEN MEET AT SCHOOL

T/L NOTE: THE SIGN SAYS "FLOWER SHOP"





STOP!
TODAY I'M GOING TO...
SFX: THUD
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
AH?
WE WALKED TOGETHER TODAY, BUT I'M SURE SHE'LL BE SURPRISED TO SEE ME AGAIN...
AND MORE SO WHEN SHE SEES THIS BOU-QUET
MARCH RIGHT TO TABERU'S PLACE AND CONFESS MY LOVE TO HER!
SHE'S BEEN DROOLING EVEN MORE THAN USUAL LATELY. I FEEL LIKE IT MIGHT WORK OUT TODAY

Love Disaster
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHERE ARE YOU HEADING OFF TO?
LET'S JUST GO HOME
I'M ON MY WAY TO TABERU'S PLACE
NOT LIKE IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS ANYWAY!
I'M YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND!!
YES, IT IS! AFTER ALL...
IF YOU GET IN THE WAY OF MY LOVE I'LL
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YEAH, WHATEVER, SHUT UP AND GO TO HELL!!
YOU'RE GOING TO YOUR OWN DEATH, TAROU!!
SFX. LIFT

SFX: THUMP

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IF YOU WANNA GO THAT BAD, YOU WILL HAVE TO DEFEAT ME FIRST.
TA-ROU.

SFX: STEP
DID YOU THINK I'D JUST STAY THE SAME OLD WEAK TAROU FOREVER?
THAT'S FINE WITH ME, TSUNO...
SFX: DASH
I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK ALL THIS TIME BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANNA GO ALL OUT AGAINST A WOMAN!
BUT I'M NOT THE USUAL KIND ME TODAY! WATCH ME PLOW THROUGH YOU AT FULL SPEED!!
SFX: TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
A
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A

SFX: POW
SFX: THUMP

Shaken off
SFX: WHOMP
THOOM
AH! I'M SO GLAD
YOU'RE NOT DEAD, HUH?
HUFF
UGH
THOOM
CHOKE CHOKE
SFX: DASH
OH CRAP, THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET!
TABERU!!
AH, THERE IT IS
IT'S STILL OKAY!!
SFX: JUMP
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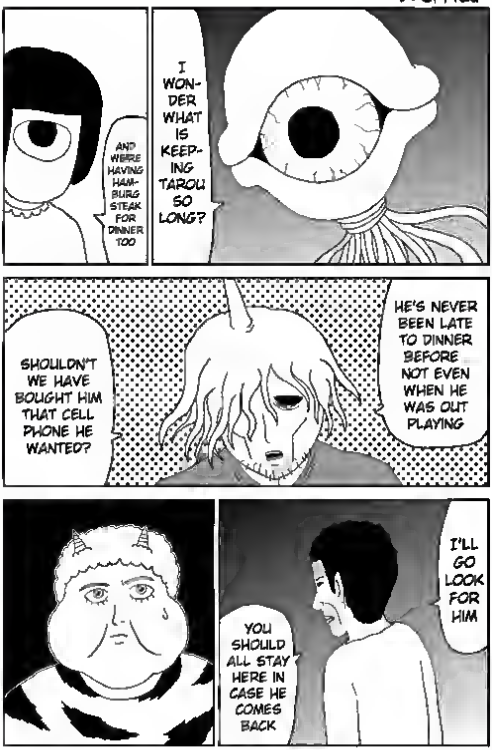
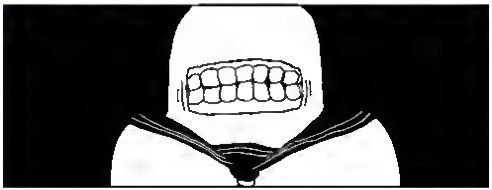
THE BOU-QUET! WHERE IS IT!?

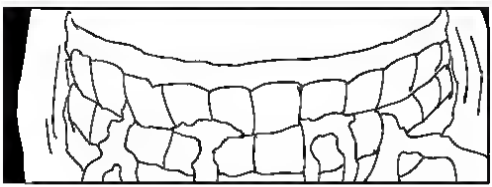

Worried
I WONDER WHAT IS KEEPING TAROU SO LONG?
AND WERE HAVING HAMBURG STEAK FOR DINNER TOO
HE'S NEVER BEEN LATE TO DINNER BEFORE NOT EVEN WHEN HE WAS OUT PLAYING
SHOULDN'T WE HAVE BOUGHT HIM THAT CELL PHONE HE WANTED?
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM
YOU SHOULD ALL STAY HERE IN CASE HE COMES BACK

Confession

I LIKE YOU! PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!!

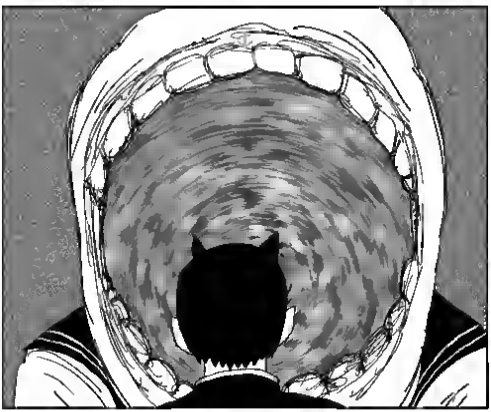


...I KNOW THAT... BUT EVEN SO...



HER SMILE JUST... MAKES ME SO...

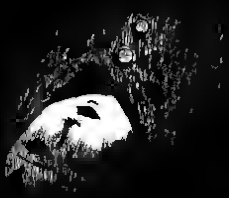
EH?



Happiness

I WAS ABLE
TO BECOME ONE
WITH HER

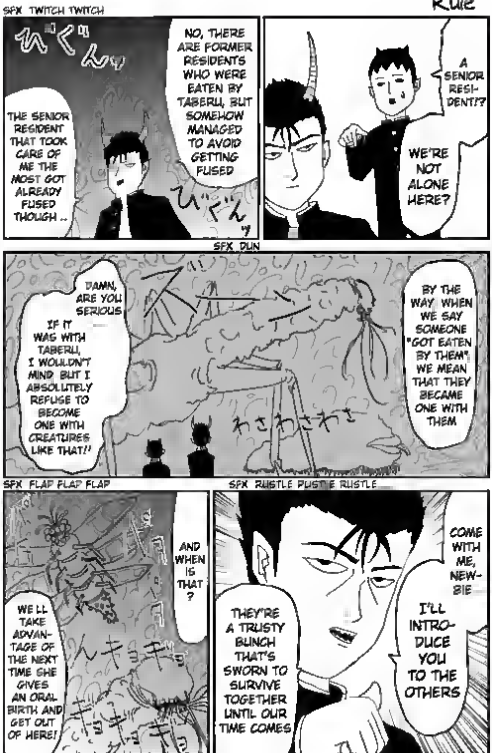
THIS IS FINE,
THIS IS WHAT
I WANTED...



SFX: SLAP SLAP
Abdomen
MMH...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?
WE'RE INSIDE TABERU RIGHT NOW...
EH!?
AH, YOU'RE THAT TRANSFER STUDENT
SHUSH! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!!
FINALLY CAME TO YOUR SENSES, HUH...
SFX: ROAAARRRR
WHAT'S WITH THIS ROAR!!?
THEY?
I SAID, KEEP YOUR DAMN VOICE DOWN...
THEY MIGHT FIND US.

SFX: SHAKE SHAKE
SINCE THEY'RE STILL VERY YOUNG, THEY HAVEN'T DEVELOPED EYES YET
THEY WON'T NOTICE US AS LONG AS WE STAY QUIET

SFX: ROARRR
HOW COME YOU KNOW ALL THAT?
A SENIOR RESIDENT HERE TOLD ME
THEY TEND TO EAT WHATEVER THEY CAN FIND AND FUSE THE GENETICALLY SUPERIOR PARTS OF IT ALL TO CREATE A NEW BEING WHICH THEY GIVE BIRTH TO BY THROWING THEM UP AGAIN
YOU SEE, MEMBERS OF HER SPECIES REPRODUCE IN A RATHER UNUSUAL WAY
WHA-WHAT ARE THEY?
THEY'RE WHAT'S LEFT OF ALL THOSE THAT GOT EATEN BY TASERU IN THE PAST


SFX TWITCH TWITCH
NO, THERE ARE FORMER RESIDENTS WHO WERE EATEN BY TABERU, BUT SOMEHOW MANAGED TO AVOID GETTING FUSED
THE SENIOR RESIDENT THAT TOOK CARE OF ME THE MOST GOT ALREADY FUSED THOUGH ..
A SENIOR RESI-DENT!?
WE'RE NOT ALONE HERE?
SFX DUN
DAMN, ARE YOU SERIOUS
IF IT WAS WITH TABERU, I WOULDN'T MIND BUT I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE TO BECOME ONE WITH CREATURES LIKE THAT!!
BY THE WAY: WHEN WE SAY SOMEONE "GOT EATEN BY THEM", WE MEAN THAT THEY BECAME ONE WITH THEM
SFX FLAP FLAP FLAP
SFX RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
AND WHEN IS THAT ?
WE'LL TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF THE NEXT TIME SHE GIVES AN ORAL BIRTH AND GET OUT OF HERE!
COME WITH ME, NEW-BIE
I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU TO THE OTHERS
THEY'RE A TRUSTY BUNCH THAT'S SWORN TO SURVIVE TOGETHER UNTIL OUR TIME COMES
SFX BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP

IT'S PAST THAT HOLE
SFX BA-DUMP TREMBLE BA-DUMP TREMBLE
OH, I SEE A LIGHT
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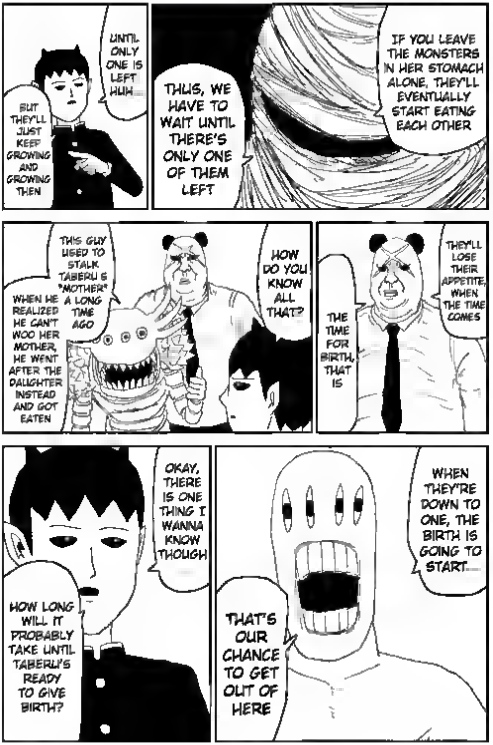
TABE-RU'S HOLE ...
WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE? THEY'RE SCARY
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT
.....!!
TSK.
THAT'LL JUST DELAY THE BIRTH
HITO-SHI
DON'T TELL ME YOU WENT AND SAVED ANOTHER PREY FROM GETTING EATEN...!?


IF YOU LEAVE THE MONSTERS IN HER STOMACH ALONE, THEY'LL EVENTUALLY START EATING EACH OTHER
THIS, WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THERE'S ONLY ONE OF THEM LEFT
UNTIL ONLY ONE IS LEFT HUH
BUT THEY'LL JUST KEEP GROWING AND GROWING THEN
THEY'LL LOSE THEIR APPETITE, WHEN THE TIME COMES
THE TIME FOR BIRTH, THAT IS
HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT?
THIS GUY USED TO STALK TABERU'S "MOTHER" A LONG TIME AGO
WHEN HE REALIZED HE CAN'T WOO HER MOTHER, HE WENT AFTER THE DAUGHTER INSTEAD AND GOT EATEN
WHEN THEY'RE DOWN TO ONE, THE BIRTH IS GOING TO START
THAT'S OUR CHANCE TO GET OUT OF HERE
OKAY, THERE IS ONE THING I WANNA KNOW THOUGH
HOW LONG WILL IT PROBABLY TAKE UNTIL TABERU'S READY TO GIVE BIRTH?

5...
NO, 60 SOME-THING YEARS?

THAT LONG...
IF I STAY TOGETHER WITH TABERU FOR SUCH A LONG TIME IT'S ALMOST AS IF WE'RE A MARRIED COUPLE, ISN'T IT?
I GOT AN IDEA TOO! HEAR ME OUT GUYS
HOW ABOUT WE JUST DIG DIG AND DIG LIKE CRAZY UNTIL WE'VE DIGGED OUR WAY OUT?
SO ALL WE HAVE TO DO TO SPEED UP THE BIRTH PROCESS IS TO GET THESE MONSTERS TO FUSE QUICKLY. RIGHT?
BUT HOW WILL WE DO THAT?

BAIT? WHAT BAIT?
IT'S EASY. WE'LL LURE THEM TO ONE PLACE BY GIVING THEM BAIT
SFX: STARE
ズィッ
EH.....
GUYS THAT AREN'T NEEDED FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR ESCAPE, FOR EXAMPLE
BUT YOU WERE DUMB ENOUGH TO GET EATEN AGAIN RIGHT AFTER THAT. AN IDEA FROM YOU? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
HITO-SHI
YOU EVEN MANAGED TO ESCAPE ONCE BY GETTING MIXED UP IN HER PUKE
WELL, WAIT
I GOT AN IDEA HOW WE COULD ESCAPE FROM HERE TOO

Simple plan

WE'LL FORCE OUR WAY OUT!
CLIMB HER STOMACH WALLS AND BLOW OPEN HER GULLET TO GET OUT!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THAT'S WAY TOO RECKLESS?
ALL THE GUYS THAT TRIED TO CLIMB THE STOMACH WALLS GOT EATEN ON THE WAY!
WELL, WE'LL JUST FORCE OUR WAY THROUGH ALL THOSE MONSTERS TOGETHER!
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'LL FIGHT!
WE'RE ELEVEN GUYS
IF WE MUSTER ALL OUR POWER TO FIGHT ONLY THE MONSTERS THAT GET IN OUR WAY...
IF WE JOIN OUR POWERS TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT, GUYS!
UHH NO, GET REAL, DUDE

WE'LL CALL YOU WHEN WE FIND OUT SOME-THING
THEN I'LL LIST HIM AS MISS-ING
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
OHH.. SHINO
UNCLE
COULD YOU SHOW ME THE WAY?
WHERE TAROU COULD BE...
AC-TUALLY, I HAVE AN IDEA ...

AHH... GOTTA LOOK FOR A NEW PLACE...
GUESS WE CAN'T STAY IN THIS HOLE ANY-MORE
WHY'S THAT?
I'D SAY THEY GOT HIM
KUWATA WENT TO GATHER FOOD, BUT ISN'T COMING BACK
HOPE WE CAN SAFELY FIND ONE...
A NEW HOLE, HUH
I'M SURE THEY'LL SNIFF US OUT SOON ENOUGH...
THE MONSTERS WILL KNOW FROM THE REMAINS OF KUWATA'S MEMORIES WHERE WE ARE
SFX: THUMP
WHAT? IT'S TOO SOON
DON'T TELL ME THE NEW KUWATA IS HERE!
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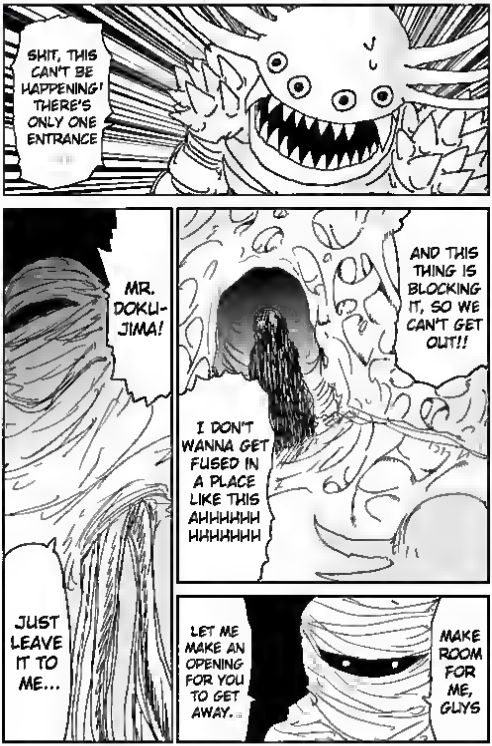
TABERU'S STOMACH IS VAST. THERE MUST BE A GOOD PLACE SOMEWHERE FOR OUR NEW CAMP

MOM, CHIBASHIRI ATE ALL THE CHOCOLATE THAT I HAD MELTED!
WHERE IS CHIBA-SHIRI?
HE'S TURNED INTO A PUPA AGAIN

It's developed


SHIT, THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! THERE'S ONLY ONE ENTRANCE
MR. DOKU-JIMA!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME...
I DON'T WANNA GET FUSED IN A PLACE LIKE THIS AHHHHHH HHHHHH
AND THIS THING IS BLOCKING IT, SO WE CAN'T GET OUT!!
LET ME MAKE AN OPENING FOR YOU TO GET AWAY.
MAKE ROOM FOR ME, GUYS

SFX: FWOOSH
SFX: GRAB GRAB GRAB
SFX: TUMBLE
RUN
RUN
RUN
NOW! MAKE A RUN FOR IT!!!
RUN!

SFX GRAB
SFX TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
AHH
SFX RIP
DON'T JUST STAND AROUND LIKE THAT!
YOU IDIOT
WE'RE GETTING FUSED ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
THIS IS BAD IT'S GONNA GROW AGAIN
SHIT !!
MR. DOKUJIMA, PLEASE DON'T
GAAHHH!?

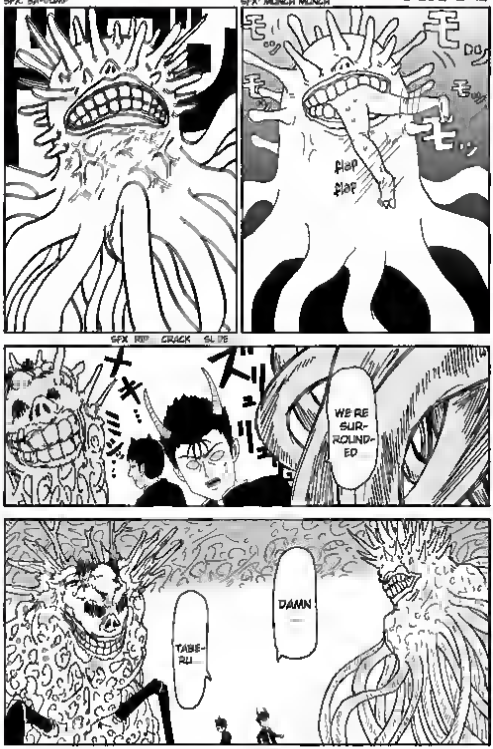
SFX: TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL

SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

OOO OOH HHH HHH
FUCK THIS SHIT!
$UO BOPO PIIII
SFX: CHOMP CRACK MUNCH MUNCH
SFX: BUFF
WE CAN'T BEAT IT! LET'S JUST KEEP RUN-NING!
GAAA AAAA AHHH HHHH HHH
I'LL TAKE YOU ON!
AIN'T NO WAY TO GET OUT OF HERE ANY-WAY!
LOOK FOR SOME PLACE TO HIDE IN!!
OHHH RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
IT'S SMART ENOUGH TO SPEAK NOW!
FOUR MORE
TURN AROUND TURN AROUND !!
WAIT!! THERE'S ANOTH-ER BIG ONE WAITING IN THAT DIREC-TION!
SFX: THUNK

SFX. THUMP
WHOA
SFX. THUD
SFX. WINCH
IDIOT, DON'T GO FALLING DOWN AT A TIME LIKE TH-
I'M SOR-
OW OW OW
SFX. SPLAT
I SAID DON'T JUST STAND AROUND LIKE THAT!! RUN AWAY !!
...?
HEY, GET UP!
IT'S AS I THOUGHT... THE CLOSER IT GETS TO ITS FINAL FETUS FORM, THE LONGER IT NEEDS TO FUSE.
IN THAT CASE

HUH?
I'LL JUST USE YOU GUYS AS BAIT AND GET AWAY WHILE IT'S FUSING
SFX. GRAB
MAE-ZAWA
SFX. THUD
GO GET FUSED!
SFX. TOSS
HAHAHA SORRY, GUYS, I HOPE YOU'LL GROW UP TO BE CUTE LITTLE KIDS!
SFX. CHOMP


SFX: SA-DUMP
SFX: MUNCH MUNCH
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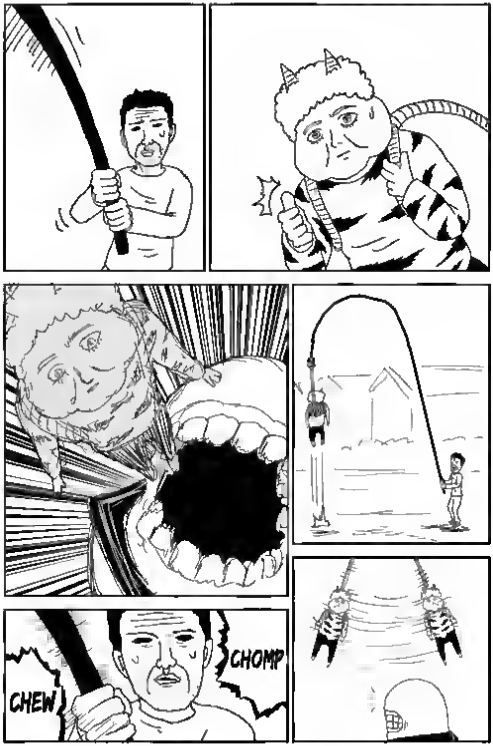
That kind of bait



Arrival in the stomach

SFX: FWIP
Tentacles
SLIP
AHH!? YOU ARE...!!
OH, MAN, IT'S JUST TSU-NO
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THAT REAC-TION?
I COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO SAVE YOU AND THAT'S WHAT I GE-
HEY!! IT'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
SFX: WHIP WHIP WHIP
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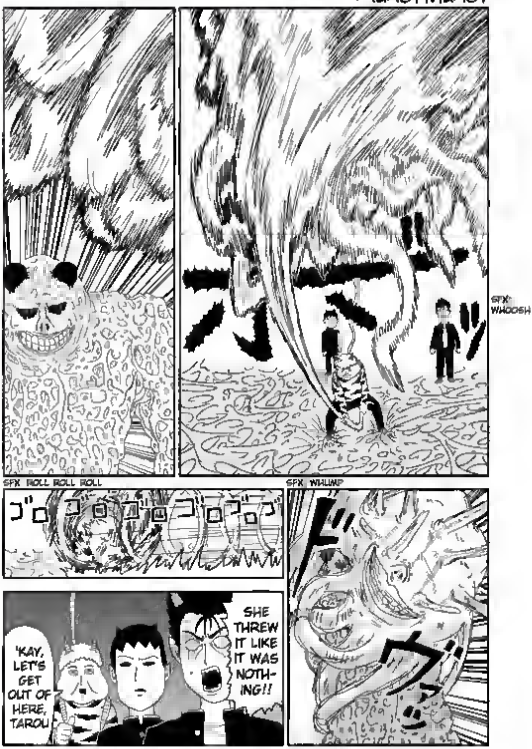
Munch munch
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: ROLL ROLL ROLL
SFX: WHUMP
SHE THREW IT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!!
'KAY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TAROU

THANK GOD! I DIDN'T THINK I'D GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE
HE'S UP THERE
EH? WHAT?
DAD'S HERE TOO?
G-GUYS, LOOK
HUH? I GAVE HIM THE SIGN TO PULL US UP, BUT THERE IS NO REACTION
WONDER WHAT UNCLE'S DOING
pull
pull
SFX: MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
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THE TWO HUGE ONES ARE FUSING
THIS IS GETTING COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND

SFX SNAP
バーツンッ
SFX TRASH
THE LIFE-LINE'S GOING TO FALL
NO!
SFX CLENCH
SFX GRAB
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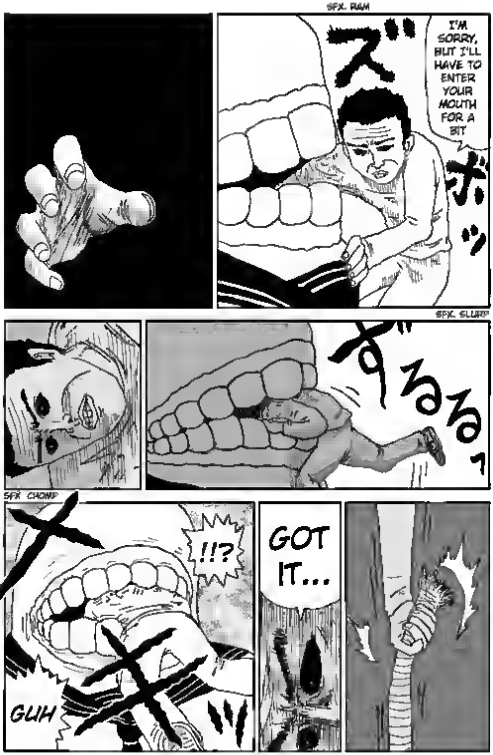
SFX. RAM
I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO ENTER YOUR MOUTH FOR A BIT
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SFX. SLURP
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SFX. CHOMP
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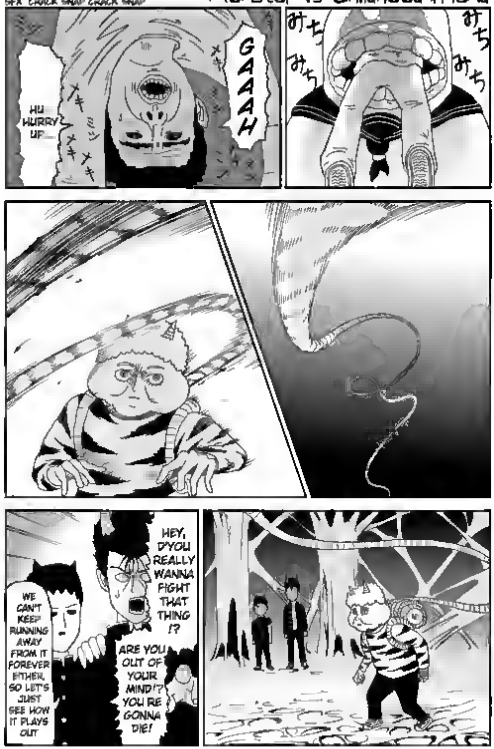
GUH
GOT IT...


SFX. CRACK SNAP CRACK SNAP
GAAAH
HU HURRY UP...
SFX. MUNCH MUNCH
HEY, D'YOU REALLY WANNA FIGHT THAT THING!?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND!? YOU'RE GONNA DIE!
WE CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AWAY FROM IT FOREVER EITHER, SO LET'S JUST SEE HOW IT PLAYS OUT.

SFX: BANG BANG BANG BANG
DUDE, JUST LOOK AT IT! THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD BEAT IT!!
IT'S HOPE-LESS, MAN! IT'S GONNA EAT US ALL AND THAT'S THE END OF IT!
SFX: BANG BANG BANG

SFX: KER-THUMP
SFX: FWOOSH
SFX: WHOOSH
OH!?
SFX: TWANG
SFX: JERK
IT'S AN EYE FOR AN EYE
RIGHT... TABE-RU?
YOU JUST HIT ME —

SFX: THUMP

To overcome the hard and strong, be harder and stronger

SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
NO, SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND
SHE'S AWE-SOME! IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND!?
SHE... SHE SENT IT FLYING JUST LIKE THAT!

SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
WE GOTTA QUICKLY GET AWAY FROM HERE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE
TOO MANY OF EM ARE COMING LURED BY THE NOISE
BUT DAMN, I HEAR THEIR STEPS COMING CLOSER

HOLD ON TO MY LEGS, GUYS
I'M HOLDING A BIG... LEG...
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE
WHAT? I DO TO DESERVE THIS?
AH, TRY TO MAKE IT AS FAST AS YOU CAN, TSUNO
CAUSE WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE SHOULD IT REACH ITS FINAL FORM
IF ONE OF THEM FUSES WITH THE HUGE ONE WE JUST LEFT BEHIND, I'M SURE IT'LL TURN INTO ONE THAT'S REALLY CLOSE TO THE PERFECT FORM
'CAUSE IT'S ALREADY FUSED WITH ALMOST EVERYTHING IN HER BELLY
WHAT THE HELL, YOU'RE SO SLOW! IT'S GOING TO TAKE US HOURS TO GET TO THE EXIT!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, TAROU
UNCLE WAS SUPPOSED TO PULL US UP WITH HIS FISHING ROD ONCE I GIVE THIS LINE A TUG
BUT HE'S NOT REACTING AT ALL
I GOT A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!!
HEY, TSUNO, HURRY UP...
HURRY THE FUCK UP, YOU IDIOT!

Looks just like her
SFX SWOOOSH
SFX FSSHU
TABERU
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE.

ZIP
stare
SFX: FWSH
HUH? WHERE DID IT G--
THE ROPE! GET IT AWA-
BEHIND YOU!
SFX: CHOMP

SFX. THUD
ズシン
SFX. THUMP
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WA... WAIT, TSUNO ...
DON'T KILL IT...
SFX. DRIP
HEH, I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN ...
KILL IT..?

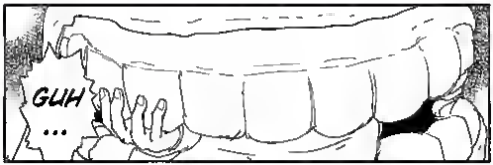
SFX: WHAM!
Plot Armor

OKAY, HERE COMES THE FINISH-ING TOUCH
NOOOO
TA-ROU !?
LOOK, THIS KID HAPPENS TO BE TABERU'S CHILD.
IF YOU KILL HER CHILD TOO, IT'S LIKE SHE LOSES EVERYTHING AT ONCE, YOU SEE.

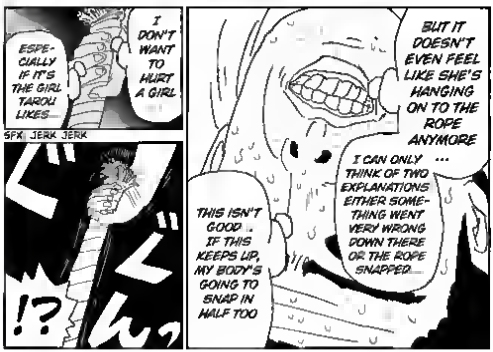
I BEG OF YOU... TSUNO!!
LET IT SLIDE! JUST THIS ONCE!!
I TAKE HER SIDE 'CAUSE SHE'S TABERU! I CAN'T HELP IT, OKAY!?
NEED I REMIND YOU THAT SHE WAS ABOUT TO EAT US!?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE TABERU'S SIDE!?
BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU INSIST, TAROU...
HMPH... FINE
SFX: CHOMP
UH

Late realization of despair

BURP
WHO ARE YOU?
THE ONE YOU JUST SWALLOWED WHOLE IS MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND
LO... LOOK, TABERU...
I. I MEAN... WE WERE NOT EVEN FINISHED TALKING YET
I THINK THAT WAS A LITTLE UNCALLED FOR.
...COULD YOU LIKE THROW HER BACK UP...?
YOU'D ALMOST REACHED YOUR FINAL FORM ANYWAY, RIGHT?
SFX. GRAAAAAAAHHH
TA... BE...
TAROU, LET'S DO OUR SPECIAL TAG MOVE! GET IN FORMATION 2!
OHHHH NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS, WE SHALL FACE OUR DEATHS LIKE REAL MEN DO AND GO OUT WITH A BANG!


GUH ...

HUFF. WHAT A STRONG BITE AND WHAT HARD TEETH TOO—
I WON'T BE ABLE TO LAST MUCH LONGER
...OR RATHER, I'M ALMOST AT MY LIMIT AND THEY'RE STILL NOT COMING UP. TSUNO IS A VERY STRONG GIRL, SHE SHOULD BE EASILY ABLE TO CLIMB THE ROPE.


I DON'T WANT TO HURT A GIRL
ESPECIALLY IF IT'S THE GIRL TAROU LIKES—
SFX: JERK JERK
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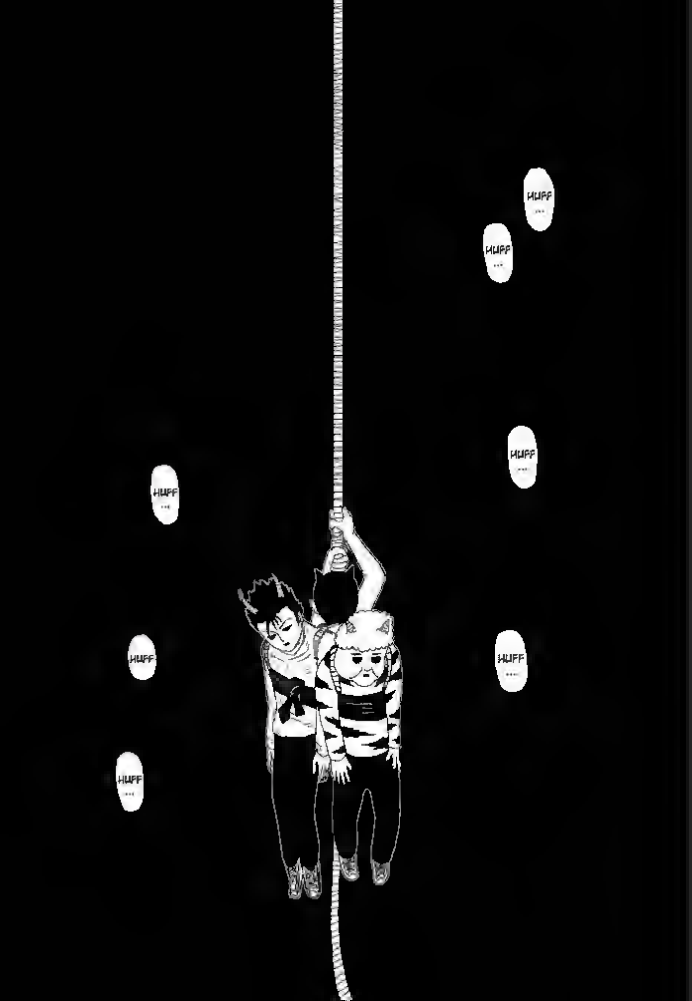
BUT IT DOESN'T EVEN FEEL LIKE SHE'S HANGING ON TO THE ROPE ANYMORE
I CAN ONLY THINK OF TWO EXPLANATIONS. EITHER SOMETHING WENT VERY WRONG DOWN THERE OR THE ROPE SNAPPED—
THIS ISN'T GOOD. IF THIS KEEPS UP, MY BODY'S GOING TO SNAP IN HALF TOO


HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
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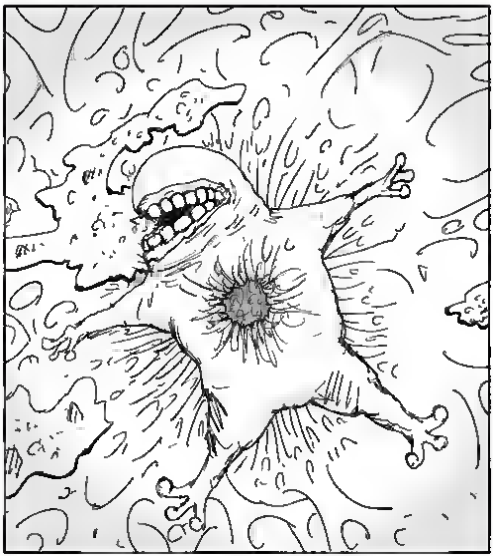
HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...

YOU'RE LATE SON
THE SIDE DISH IS PROBABLY COLD BY NOW
HEY, DAD
I'M ON MY WAY HOME NOW
HUFF
I'M SORRY ...
I'M SO SORRY, TABERU ...
HUFF
HUFF

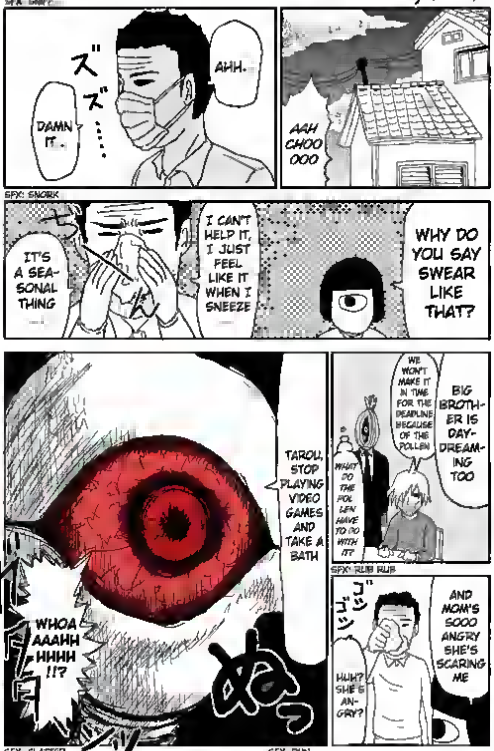


LET'S GET OUT OF HER
I'LL FORCE HER MOUTH OPEN NOW

I'M SORRY TABERU
I... I'M ...
I'M REALLY GLAD YOU FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT ME AND I LIKE YOU A LOT TOO...
BUT MAKING BABIES WITH YOU... AND BECOMING ONE WITH YOU ON A CELLULAR LEVEL IS A BIT TOO MUCH FOR ME...
I WANT TO STAY SINGLE FOR A WHILE LONGER
AND I'M NOT YET READY TO RETURN THAT TRUE LOVE OF YOURS...
BUT ...
YOU'RE STILL REALLY CUTE TO ME TABERU
CAN'T WE HAVE A MORE CASUAL RELATION-SHIP? YOU KNOW, LIKE FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS?

I'M SURE THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOYS OUT THERE THAT ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR YOU
I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY SON'S RUDENESS
SFX: DRAG DRAG
TABE-RU!! AHAHA AHA...
I HOPE YOU'LL HAVE A HEALTHY BABY
FARE-WELL

Hay fever


SFX: SNIFF
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AHH.
DAMN IT.
AAH CHOO OOO
SFX: SNORK
IT'S A SEA-SONAL THING
I CAN'T HELP IT, I JUST FEEL LIKE IT WHEN I SNEEZE
WHY DO YOU SAY SWEAR LIKE THAT?
TAROU, STOP PLAYING VIDEO GAMES AND TAKE A BATH
WHOA AAAHH HHHH !!?
SFX: CLATTER
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SFX: DUN
WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE DEADLINE BECAUSE OF THE POLLEN
BIG BROTH-ER IS DAY-DREAM-ING TOO
WHAT DO THE POL-LEN HAVE TO DO WITH IT?
SFX: RUB RUB
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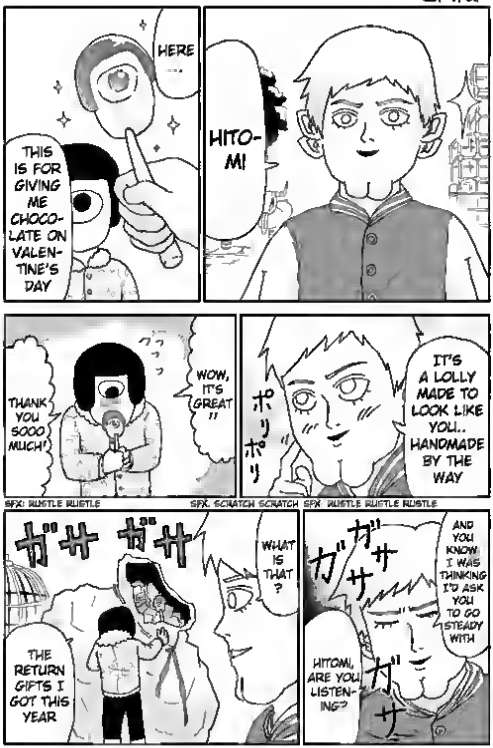
AND MOM'S SOOO ANGRY SHE'S SCARING ME
HUH? SHE'S AN-GRY?


HERE ...
THIS IS FOR GIVING ME CHOCO-LATE ON VALEN-TINE'S DAY
HITO-M!
THANK YOU SOOO MUCH!
WOW, IT'S GREAT!!
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IT'S A LOLLY MADE TO LOOK LIKE YOU.. HANDMADE BY THE WAY
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
SFX: SCRATCH SCRATCH
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
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THE RETURN GIFTS I GOT THIS YEAR
WHAT IS THAT?
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HITOMI, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
AND YOU KNOW, I WAS THINKING I'D ASK YOU TO GO STEADY WITH
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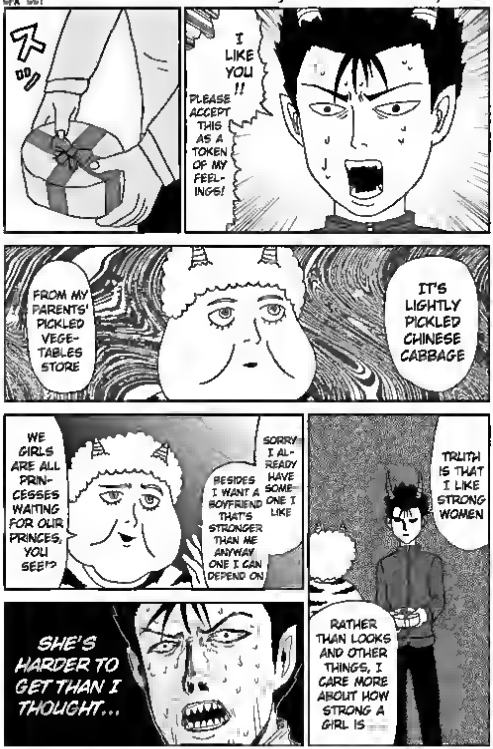
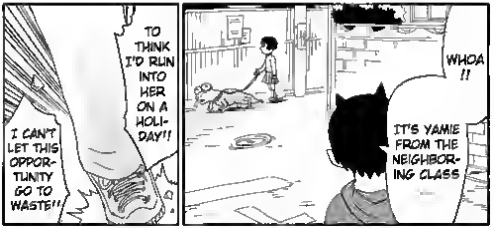

SFX: SST
I LIKE YOU!!
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A TOKEN OF MY FEELINGS!
FROM MY PARENTS' PICKLED VEGETABLES STORE
IT'S LIGHTLY PICKLED CHINESE CABBAGE
WE GIRLS ARE ALL PRINCESSES WAITING FOR OUR PRINCES, YOU SEE!?
BESIDES I WANT A BOYFRIEND THAT'S STRONGER THAN ME ANYWAY ONE I CAN DEPEND ON
SORRY I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE
SHE'S HARDER TO GET THAN I THOUGHT...
TRUTH IS THAT I LIKE STRONG WOMEN
RATHER THAN LOOKS AND OTHER THINGS, I CARE MORE ABOUT HOW STRONG A GIRL IS

THE ONLY CHOICE WE HAVE LEFT IS TO GIVE IT OUR ALL TO BECOME MANGA ARTISTS
SUCK IT UP, NATTO! WE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE HITMAN BUSINESS FOR GOOD TO LIVE HONEST LIVES
THAT MEANS, WE'LL HAVE TO DRAW 45 PAGES IN FOUR DAYS...
WE GOT FOUR DAYS LEFT FOR THE BIG MANGA AWARD DEADLINE AND WE FINISHED THE ROUGH DRAFT ONLY NOW...
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID
FOR NOW LET'S DO WHATEVER OUR MANGA TEACHER SAYS AND WORK OUR HARDEST
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT, HOW COULD I FORGET THAT...
IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US! LET'S WORK HARD TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!
YUUJI IS GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO SHARE HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD WITH US AND TEACH US TWO TOTAL NOOBS HOW TO DRAW MANGA...
THAT'S AN EXPERIENCED MANGA ARTIST, FOR YOU. YUUJI ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT TO DO NEXT
ゴクリ
IF WE THREE DO DAY LABOR FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS, WE CAN BUY IT BEFORE THE DEADLINE...!
NO, IT'S TOO EARLY TO GIVE UP
SFX: GULP—
I'M SORRY TO SAY SO, BUT WE'RE BROKE
I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO DO IT THE TRADITIONAL WAY...
TELL US WHAT TO DO NOW
OKAY THEN, YUUJI!
LET'S BUY A MANGA ART SOFTWARE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS
IT'S NO USE WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME LIKE THIS

NO
IT DOES NOT HURT?
SFX: GRAB
SFX: THUD THUD THUD
NO, I'M FINE, SO JUST STAY AWAY FROM ME PLEASE
TAROU, WANT ME TO CLEAN YOUR EARS?
...
I GOT IT OUT
FEELS SOO GOOD
SFX: GRINT GRINT GRINT
DON'T. I THINK SOME-THING IMPOR-TANT IS COMING OUT..
OW OWW OWW GAAA AAAA AHHH HHHH ...
IT HURTS LIKE HELL !!
IT DOES NOT HURT ?
WAIT... WHOA, WHY IS YOUR BODY LOCK SO DAMN TIGHT?
EH? SERI-OUSLY JUST WAIT A SECOND!
WAIT WAIT WAIT DON'T JAM IT IN LIKE THAT, IDIOT!
SFX: PLOP


TO THINK I'D RUN INTO HER ON A HOLIDAY!!
I CAN'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY GO TO WASTE!!
WHOA!!
IT'S YAMIE FROM THE NEIGHBORING CLASS

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HELLO!! THAT'S A CUTE PET YOU HAVE THERE!

SFX MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
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HEY CHIBA-SHIRI, COULD YOU PIPE IT DOW-
SHE HAS NOT SPOKEN TO ME EVER SINCE
SFX TAP TAP TAP
トテテテ...
AH! IT WAS YOU, YAMIE!
HUH? DO I KNOW HIM...?
WHAT A COINCIDENCE! I HAPPEN TO BE OUT ON A WALK WITH MY BELOVED PET TOO!
SFX MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
モズ" モズ" モズ" モズ"
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WE COULD MEET UP NEXT TIME AND LET OUR PETS PLAY TOGETHER.
COULD IT BE THAT WE ALWAYS WALK THE SAME ROUTE?

YEAH
I FEEL FEVERISH
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME LIKE THIS WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
THERE'S ONLY ONE DAY LEFT FOR THE MANGA AWARD DEADLINE
YUU-JI...
WE BOUGHT THE ART SOFTWARE, BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE A DIGITAL PEN..
I CAN'T WORK IF I'M SICK, I CAN'T HELP IT
LET'S GIVE UP ON THE MANGA AWARD THIS TIME
...!?
HEY... YUU-JI...
SFX: BEEP BEEP BEEP
SFX: RUN!
HOW'S THIS?
I.. I'M SORRY
HEH
YOU'LL NEVER FINISH YOUR MANGA! OR IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT!?
YOU DISAPPOINT ME!! IF YOU KEEP PILING UP EXCUSES LIKE THAT

A Big Brother's protective antenna

WAIT, HITOMI, ARE YOU GOING OUT TO PLAY?
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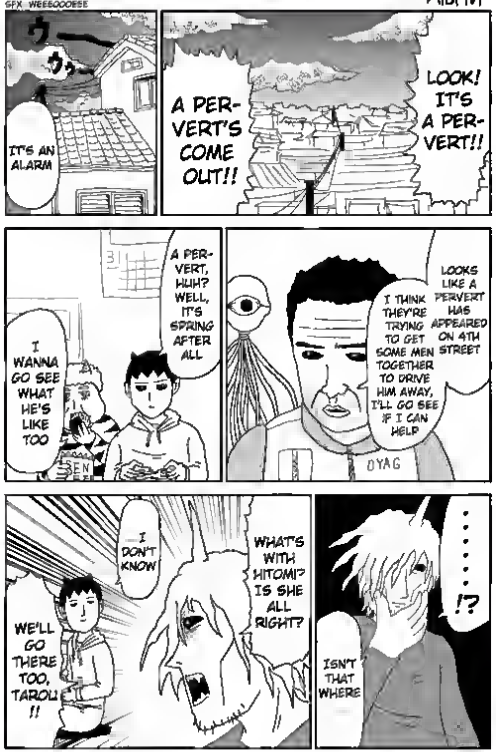
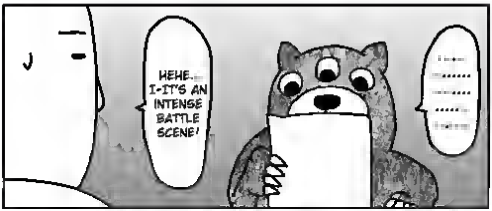
SEE YOU LATER
.....?
OK!
SFX: TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR-SELF OUT THERE
IT'S ALMOST SPRING TIME, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT PERVERTS COME OUT IN SPRING
THE WEIRD-EST GUY OF THEM ALL IS YOU, BIG BRO
IT'S ALL BECAUSE HITOMI'S STARTING TO TURN INTO QUITE THE HOT YOUNG LADY...
YOU TOO KEEP AN ANTENNA OUT FOR ANY WEIRD GUYS THAT TRY TO APPROACH HER
I'M HER BIG BROTH-ER, HOW COULD I NOT BE WORRIED?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT FAMILY, BIG BRO


Alarm
SFX: WEEEOOOEEE
IT'S AN ALARM
A PER-VERT'S COME OUT!!
LOOK! IT'S A PER-VERT!!
I WANNA GO SEE WHAT HE'S LIKE TOO
A PER-VERT, HUH? WELL, IT'S SPRING AFTER ALL
I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO GET SOME MEN TOGETHER TO DRIVE HIM AWAY, I'LL GO SEE IF I CAN HELP
LOOKS LIKE A PERVERT HAS APPEARED ON 4TH STREET
OYAG
WE'LL GO THERE TOO, TAROU!!
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S WITH HITOMI? IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
ISN'T THAT WHERE
.....!?

ALRIGHT!! WE'VE GOT THE PERVERT CORNERED UNDER THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES!
BE CAREFUL, GUYS. APPROACH HIM CARELESSLY AND HE'LL FLASH HIS THING AT YOU.
MANY HAVE ALREADY FALLEN VICTIM TO HIS EVIL WAYS
DAMN PERVERT ONLY TARGETS WOMEN AND GIRLS TO LEAVE THEM TRAUMATIZED FOR LIFE.

HE DESERVES TO DIE A THOUSAND DEATHS
DISTRICT CHAIRMAN!!
I WILL FINISH HIM OFF PERSONALLY
...
HEH
SURE, I'LL TAKE YOU ON. COME AT ME, OLD MAN...
SFX: RUSTLE

SFX: SLASH
Untitled
DISTRICT CHAIRMAAAN
AROUND THIS TIME EVERY YEAR, MY DETACHABLE DICK "CRIMSON CHERRY BLOSSOM" REACTS ALLERGICALLY TO POLLEN AND MUTATES
BUT THIS YEAR, IT'S TURNED INTO A WRATHFUL WEAPON, AS HARD AS A DIAMOND AND AS BIG AS A MOUNTAIN
IF I USE IT WITH MY "HEAVEN-SLAYING SWORD OF THE ABYSS" IAIJUTSU THAT IS AS FAST AS THE SPEED OF SOUND
NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME FROM EXPOSING MYSELF
SFX: RUSTLE


HEHE... I-IT'S AN INTENSE BATTLE SCENE!
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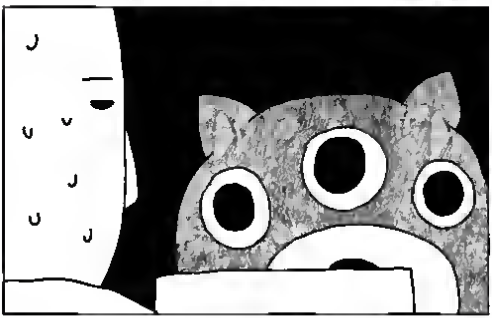
AH, BUT OF COURSE, IT'S JUST A LITTLE JOKE, ALTHOUGH, NO IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE SERIOUS, YOU KNOW. THE "PERVERTS COME OUT IN SPRING" LINE IS ALSO A REFERENCE TO ME, THE AUTHOR, BECAUSE MY STORIES BECOME PERVERTED IN SPRING, IN OTHER WORDS THE PERVE IN ME COMES OUT
click click click click



It's gonna continue!?
SFX. WHOOOOSH
SFX. THUD THUD THUD THUD
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WATCH MY CHERRY BLOSSOM INSTEAD!
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HAHAHA THERE'LL BE NO CHERRY BLOSSOM WATCHING THIS YEAR!
DAMN. HE'S TOO STRONG WE CAN'T EVEN GET CLOSER LIKE THIS
WE CAN'T LET EXHIBITIONISTS ROAM FREELY AND DO AS THEY PLEASE IN THIS CIVILIZED WORLD OF OURS..
SFX. RUN RUN
SFX. TAP TAP TAP
YOU'RE IN THE WAY. SCATTER, FASTER THAN THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS
THIS SPOT IS RESERVED FOR AN ASPIRING MANGA ARTISTS OFFLINE MEETING
WHO ARE YOU!? YOU'RE NOT FROM HERE, ARE YOU ?
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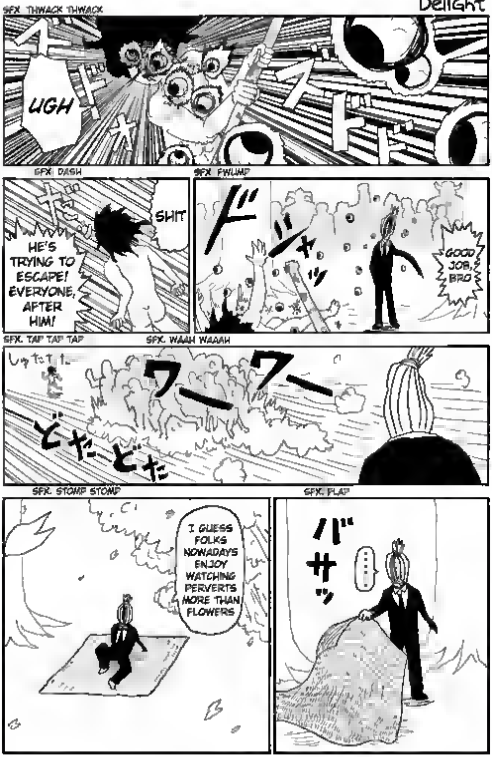
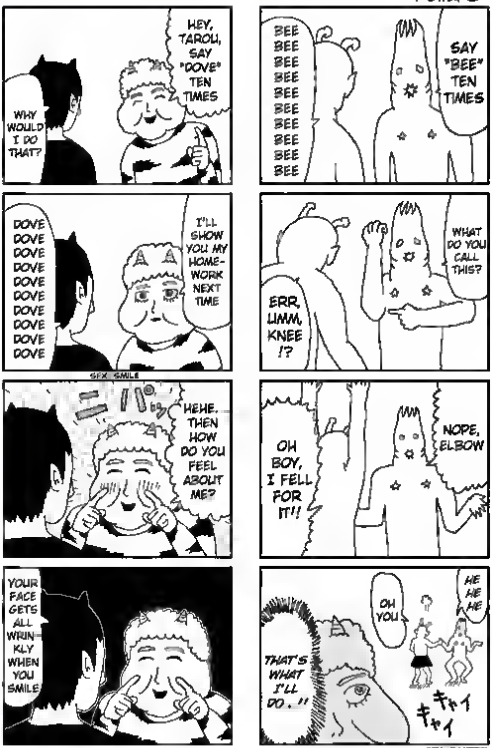
OUT OF THE WAY. LET ME GET HIM OFF HIS BAD TRIP AND ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE COLD, HARD GROUND OF REALITY


SFX: THWACK THWACK
UGH
SFX: DASH
SHIT
HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE! EVERYONE, AFTER HIM!
SFX: FWUMP
GOOD JOB, BRO
SFX: TAP TAP TAP
SFX: WAAH WAAAH
SFX: STOMP STOMP
I GUESS FOLKS NOWADAYS ENJOY WATCHING PERVERTS MORE THAN FLOWERS
SFX: FLAP


HEY, TAROU, SAY "DOVE" TEN TIMES
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE
SAY "BEE" TEN TIMES
DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE DOVE
I'LL SHOW YOU MY HOME-WORK NEXT TIME
WHAT DO YOU CALL THIS?
ERR, UMM, KNEE!?
SFX: SMILE
HEHE. THEN HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME?
OH BOY, I FELL FOR IT!!
NOPE, ELBOW
YOUR FACE GETS ALL WRIN-KLY WHEN YOU SMILE
OH YOU
HE HE HE
THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO.!!
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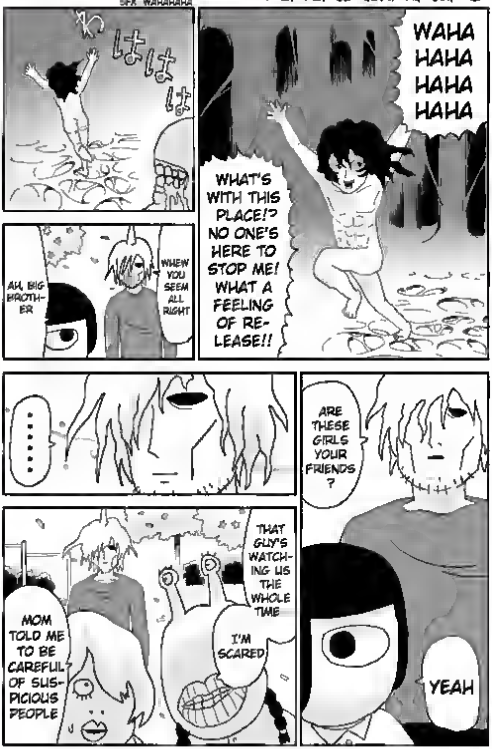
SFX: CHATTER

They couldn't drive the pervert away

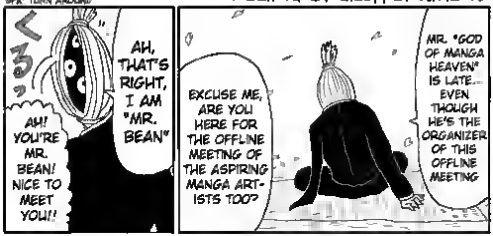
Perverts taking turns


SFX: WAHAHAHA
WAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE!? NO ONE'S HERE TO STOP ME! WHAT A FEELING OF RE-LEASE!!
AH, BIG BROTHER
WHEW YOU SEEM ALL RIGHT
.....
ARE THESE GIRLS YOUR FRIENDS ?
YEAH
MOM TOLD ME TO BE CAREFUL OF SUS-PICIOUS PEOPLE
I'M SCARED
THAT GUY'S WATCH-ING US THE WHOLE TIME

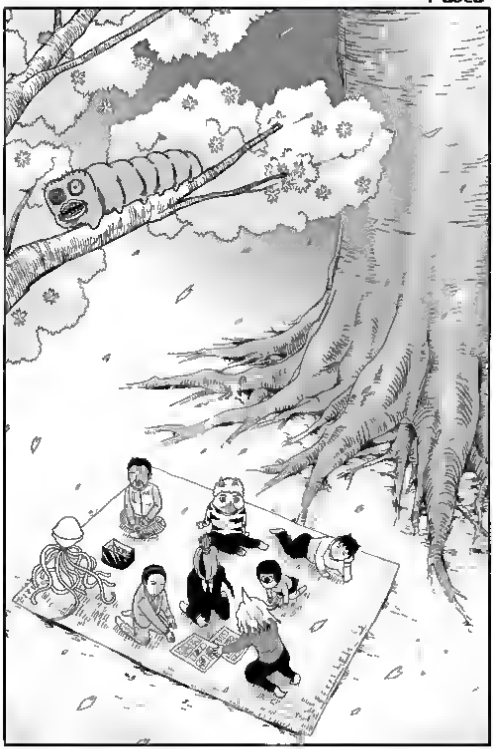
Noticed too late

SFX: TURN AROUND

Feeling of disappointment

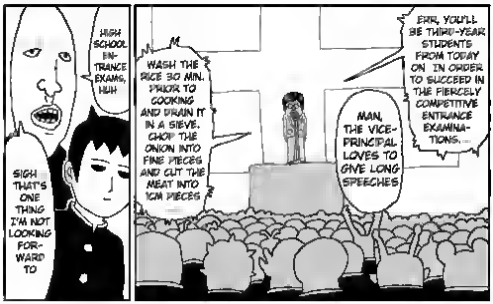

AH! YOU'RE MR. BEAN! NICE TO MEET YOU!!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, I AM "MR. BEAN"
EXCUSE ME, ARE YOU HERE FOR THE OFFLINE MEETING OF THE ASPIRING MANGA ARTISTS TOO?
MR. "GOD OF MANGA HEAVEN" IS LATE... EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE ORGANIZER OF THIS OFFLINE MEETING

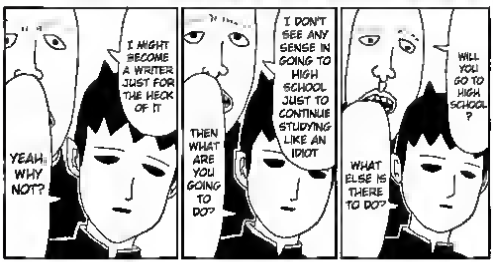
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHENEVER I SEE YOUR ILUSTRATIONS ON THE OEKAKI BOARD, I'M ALWAYS AMAZED AT YOUR DELICATE PENCIL WOR-. .
MY PEN NAME IS "KAZUYA-CCHI"


Peace

I see

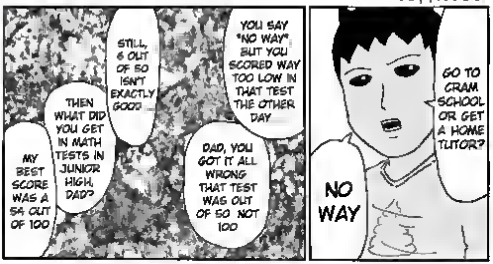
NEW SCHOOL TERM


HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS, HUH
SIGH THAT'S ONE THING I'M NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO
WASH THE RICE 30 MIN. PRIOR TO COOKING AND DRAIN IT IN A SIEVE. CHOP THE ONION INTO FINE PIECES AND CUT THE MEAT INTO 1CM PIECES
MAN, THE VICE-PRINCIPAL LOVES TO GIVE LONG SPEECHES
EHH, YOU'LL BE THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS FROM TODAY ON. IN ORDER TO SUCCEED IN THE FIERCELY COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

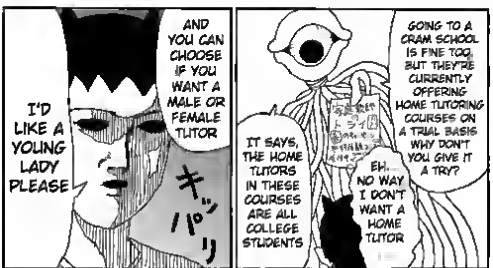

I MIGHT BECOME A WRITER JUST FOR THE HECK OF IT
YEAH, WHY NOT?
I DON'T SEE ANY SENSE IN GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL JUST TO CONTINUE STUDYING LIKE AN IDIOT
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WILL YOU GO TO HIGH SCHOOL?
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

Life lesson

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A MORATORIUM IS?
THAT SOMETHING SEXUAL?
IT'S A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU'RE RELATIVELY FREE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONSTRAINTS
WHAT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES?
I DON'T KNOW BUT SINCE THE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT LIFE IS A KIND OF MORATORIUM, IT'S NOT EVEN EXPECTED OF US TO KNOW ABOUT THAT, GET IT?
NOPE, I DON'T GET IT. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?
IT MEANS, WHEN YOU'RE A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT, NO ONE REALLY EXPECTS YOU TO PUT MUCH EFFORT INTO ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR
YOU CAN WORK HARD FOR YOUR EXAMS IF YOU WANT, BUT
EVEN IF YOU SAID YOU WANT TO BECOME A WRITER OR A MUSICIAN INSTEAD
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WOULD ALL GLADLY SUPPORT YOU
AND THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO BECOME A MANGA ARTIST TOO, BIG BRO
I'LL HAVE TO PUT SCHOOL WORK ON HOLD FOR THAT
WE STILL HAVE LOTS OF TIME LEFT UNTIL LIFE GETS SERIOUS AND WE HAVE TO LOOK FOR A JOB AND ACTUALLY START WORKING
I THINK THAT "NOT STUDYING FOR SCHOOL, BUT AIMING TO BECOME SOMETHING ELSE" IS THE BEST EXCUSE TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THE REST OF OUR MORATORIUM
YOU'RE SMART THOUGH I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
YOU THINK LIFE IS A WALK IN THE PARK, DON'T YOU?
I'M SORRY
IT'S SO CONVINCING WHEN HE SAYS IT


GO TO CRAM SCHOOL OR GET A HOME TUTOR?
NO WAY
YOU SAY "NO WAY", BUT YOU SCORED WAY TOO LOW IN THAT TEST THE OTHER DAY...
DAD, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG THAT TEST WAS OUT OF 50 NOT 100
STILL, 6 OUT OF 50 ISN'T EXACTLY GOOD...
THEN WHAT DID YOU GET IN MATH TESTS IN JUNIOR HIGH, DAD?
MY BEST SCORE WAS A 54 OUT OF 100

AHH, TOO BAD IT'S NOT PERSUASIVE AT ALL WHEN YOU SAY IT, DAD
GUH...
TELLING YOUR KID TO GET A GOOD SCORE IN TESTS WHEN YOU WERE SO BAD YOURSELF IS TYRANNY! IT'S ABUSE OF CHILDREN!
ENOUGH WITH THAT NONSENSE! I ALWAYS SCORED HIGHER THAN 90 IN MATH TESTS!
YOU DON'T DO SPORTS, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY HOBBIES AND YOU DON'T STUDY EITHER! YOU'LL NEVER BE POPULAR AMONG GIRLS LIKE THIS!


GOING TO A CRAM SCHOOL IS FINE TOO, BUT THEY'RE CURRENTLY OFFERING HOME TUTORING COURSES ON A TRIAL BASIS WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT A TRY?
EH. NO WAY I DON'T WANT A HOME TUTOR
IT SAYS, THE HOME TUTORS IN THESE COURSES ARE ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS
AND YOU CAN CHOOSE IF YOU WANT A MALE OR FEMALE TUTOR
I'D LIKE A YOUNG LADY PLEASE
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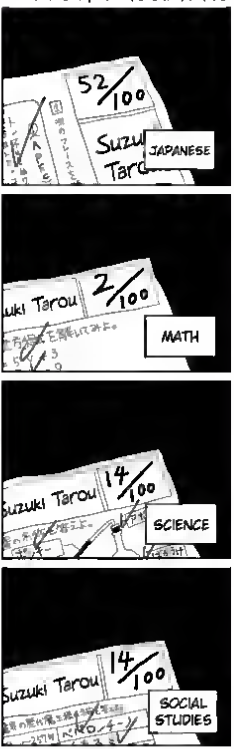
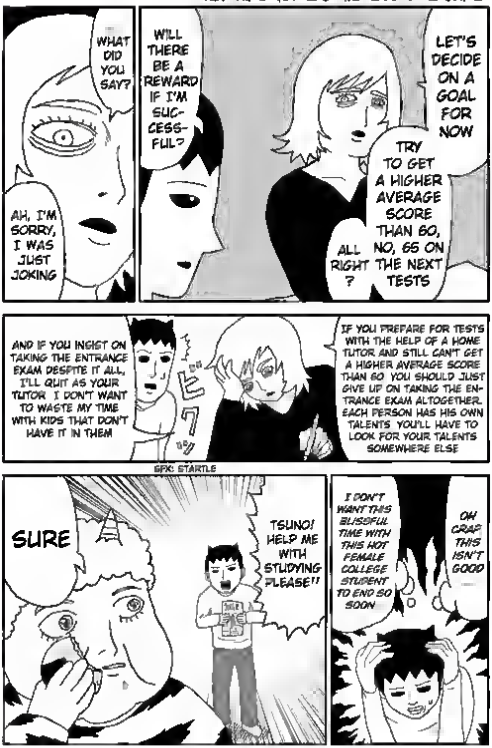
SFX: DETERMINED

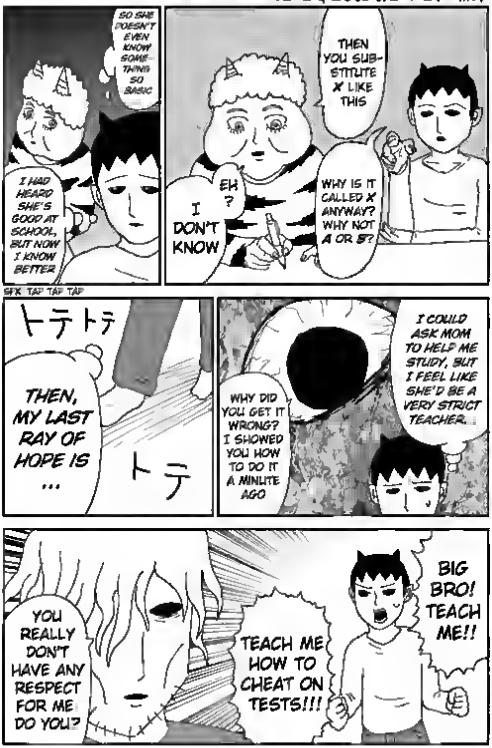
A COLLEGE GIRL HAS COME TO MY ROOM
SO YOU'RE SUZUKI TAROU?
I'LL BE YOUR HOME TUTOR. THE NAME'S SAEKI
LADY SAEKI, NICE TO MEET YOU
LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING BEFORE WE START DO YOU HAVE THE WILL TO STUDY?
DON'T CALL ME "LADY", STUPID BRAT
I DON'T WANT TO TUTOR A CHILD THAT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE STUDYING
WELL, I'D HAVE TO DO IT ANYWAY BECAUSE IT'S MY JOB
BUT DON'T THINK I'LL PUT IN MUCH EFFORT INTO IT
YES! THAT'S ALL RIGHT !!
BECAUSE I DON'T EVEN MIND BEING TREATED COLDLY LIKE THAT IF IT'S BY YOU!
WHAT IS ALL RIGHT ABOUT THAT, STUPID BRAT?

YOU'RE NOT ONLY STUPID, YOU ALSO LIKE TO TELL LIES HUH?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'RE GOOD AT JAPANESE?
SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES ARE THE SAME SCORE-WISE
NO, I... THIS IS WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID I'M GOOD AT IT
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS. THIS... IS HORRIBLE
AHH... JEEZ! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN ...
HIHIH... W-WELL, LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER FROM NOW ON, I GUESS ...
NO, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS TO WORK HARD, NOT ME KEEP THAT IN MIND
I WON'T LOSE ANYTHING EVEN IF YOU FAIL ALL YOUR EXAMS. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES, SORRY
THIS IS AWESOME

Put up a GOOD fight




Going against his own nature
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
AH, I'M SORRY, I WAS JUST JOKING
WILL THERE BE A REWARD IF I'M SUCCESSFUL?
LET'S DECIDE ON A GOAL FOR NOW
TRY TO GET A HIGHER AVERAGE SCORE THAN 60, NO, 65 ON THE NEXT TESTS
ALL RIGHT?
AND IF YOU INSIST ON TAKING THE ENTRANCE EXAM DESPITE IT ALL, I'LL QUIT AS YOUR TUTOR I DON'T WANT TO WASTE MY TIME WITH KIDS THAT DON'T HAVE IT IN THEM
IF YOU PREPARE FOR TESTS WITH THE HELP OF A HOME TUTOR AND STILL CAN'T GET A HIGHER AVERAGE SCORE THAN 60 YOU SHOULD JUST GIVE UP ON TAKING THE ENTRANCE EXAM ALTOGETHER. EACH PERSON HAS HIS OWN TALENTS YOU'LL HAVE TO LOOK FOR YOUR TALENTS SOMEWHERE ELSE
SFX: STARTLE
SURE
TSUNO! HELP ME WITH STUDYING PLEASE!!
I DON'T WANT THIS BLISSFUL TIME WITH THIS HOT FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT TO END SO SOON
OH CRAP THIS ISN'T GOOD


I HAD HEARD SHE'S GOOD AT SCHOOL, BUT NOW I KNOW BETTER
SO SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW SOMETHING SO BASIC
EH? I DON'T KNOW
WHY IS IT CALLED X ANYWAY? WHY NOT A OR B?
THEN YOU SUBSTITUTE X LIKE THIS
SFX: TAP TAP TAP
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THEN, MY LAST RAY OF HOPE IS ...
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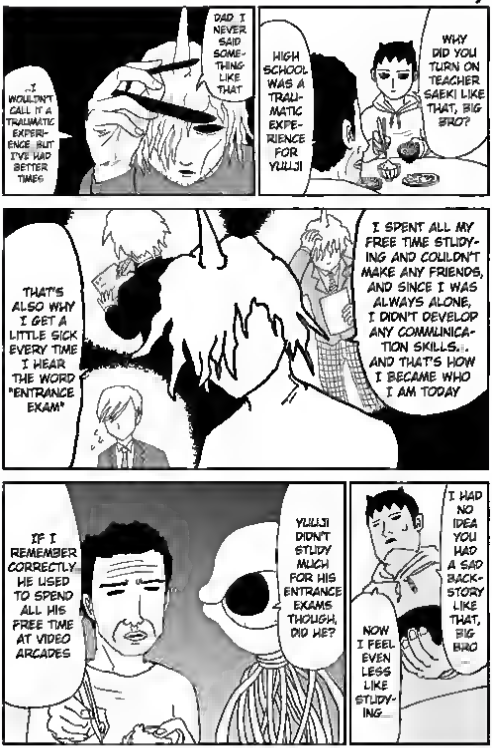
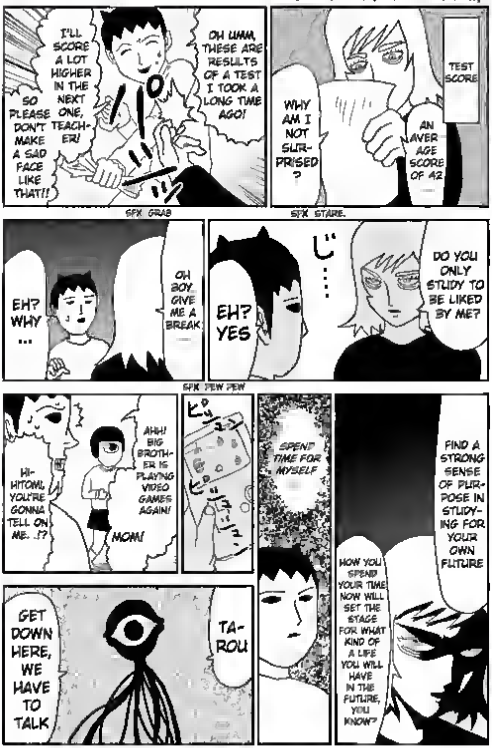
WHY DID YOU GET IT WRONG? I SHOWED YOU HOW TO DO IT A MINUTE AGO
I COULD ASK MOM TO HELP ME STUDY, BUT I FEEL LIKE SHE'D BE A VERY STRICT TEACHER...
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY RESPECT FOR ME DO YOU?
TEACH ME HOW TO CHEAT ON TESTS!!!
BIG BRO! TEACH ME!!

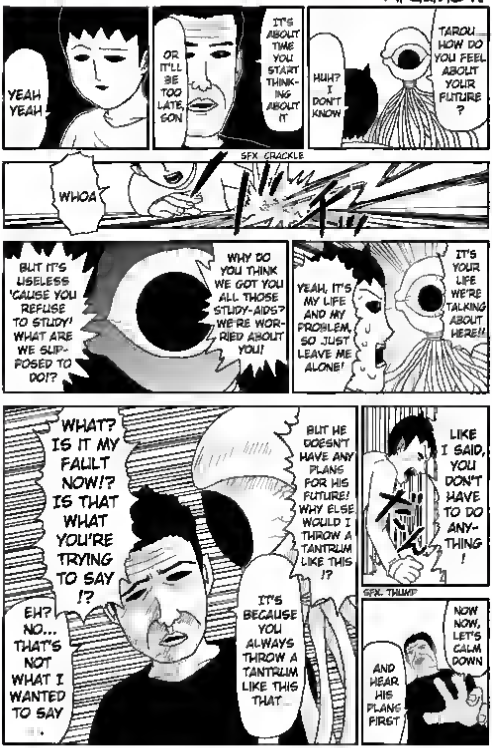
YOU WANNA CHEAT ON A TEST? ARE YOU FUCKING STUPID!?
IF YOU'RE A MAN, GROW A PAIR AND...
GIVE UP LIKE A MAN!
THAT IS WHAT I'D DO!!
WHEW— I THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA SAY SOMETHING ELSE FOR A SECOND THERE— GUESS I'LL TRY TO PUT A BIT MORE SERIOUS EFFORT INTO IT—

YOU DID WORSE THAN LAST TIME
Suzuki Tarou
8/50
Every dog has his lactic acid
To bet bug fallen
ast money before swine
nd of salt
HUH!? TEACHER!! I AM MOTIVATED!! I'M EXTREMELY MOTIVATED!
BUT IT'S NOT SURPRISING CONSIDERING YOUR LACK OF MOTIVATION, SUZUKI
.... YEAH
LOOK, IT WAS ONLY A SHORT TEST THIS TIME!! THE NEXT ONE'LL BE THE REAL DEAL!!
OR RATHER, IT'S YOUR ONLY JOB
MOTIVATING THE STUDENT TO STUDY IS PART OF YOUR JOB TOO
BIG BRO!?
OR DOES THE JOB OF A HOME TUTOR CONSIST OF DOING NOTHING AT ALL?
HOW ABOUT YOU DO YOUR DAMN JOB INSTEAD?
SAY THAT AFTER YOU PAY ME
MEH, JUST A PART-TIMER DOING HALF-ASSED WORK. HERING YOU WAS A WASTE OF MONEY
HEY, HEY NOW
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I HATE COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH A PASSION
MY STUDENT HAS THE MOTIVATION TO STUDY IF NOT I CAN'T DO MY JOB
THE PRE REQUISITE FOR THE SUCCESS OF HOME TUTORING IS THAT
HUH?


WHY DID YOU TURN ON TEACHER SAEKI LIKE THAT, BIG BRO?
HIGH SCHOOL WAS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR YUUJI
DAD I NEVER SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT
I WOULDN'T CALL IT A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE BUT I'VE HAD BETTER TIMES
I SPENT ALL MY FREE TIME STUDYING AND COULDN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS, AND SINCE I WAS ALWAYS ALONE, I DIDN'T DEVELOP ANY COMMUNICATION SKILLS... AND THAT'S HOW I BECAME WHO I AM TODAY
THAT'S ALSO WHY I GET A LITTLE SICK EVERY TIME I HEAR THE WORD "ENTRANCE EXAM"
I HAD NO IDEA YOU HAD A SAD BACKSTORY LIKE THAT, BIG BRO
NOW I FEEL EVEN LESS LIKE STUDYING
YUUJI DIDN'T STUDY MUCH FOR HIS ENTRANCE EXAMS THOUGH, DID HE?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY HE USED TO SPEND ALL HIS FREE TIME AT VIDEO ARCADES

Sense of ownership


I'LL SCORE A LOT HIGHER IN THE NEXT ONE, TEACHER!
SO PLEASE DON'T MAKE A SAD FACE LIKE THAT!!
OH UMM, THESE ARE RESULTS OF A TEST I TOOK A LONG TIME AGO!
TEST SCORE
AN AVERAGE SCORE OF 42
WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?
SFX GRAB
SFX STARE
EH? WHY...
OH BOY, GIVE ME A BREAK
EH? YES
...
DO YOU ONLY STUDY TO BE LIKED BY ME?
SFX PEW PEW
HI-HITOWL, YOU'RE GONNA TELL ON ME..!?
AHH! BIG BROTHER IS PLAYING VIDEO GAMES AGAIN!
MOM!
SPEND TIME FOR MYSELF
FIND A STRONG SENSE OF PURPOSE IN STUDYING FOR YOUR OWN FUTURE
HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME NOW WILL SET THE STAGE FOR WHAT KIND OF A LIFE YOU WILL HAVE IN THE FUTURE, YOU KNOW?
GET DOWN HERE, WE HAVE TO TALK
TA-ROU


YEAH YEAH
OR IT'LL BE TOO LATE, SON
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU START THINKING ABOUT IT
TAROU HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?
HUH? I DON'T KNOW
SFX: CRACKLE
WHOA
BUT IT'S USELESS 'CAUSE YOU REFUSE TO STUDY! WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!?
WHY DO YOU THINK WE GOT YOU ALL THOSE STUDY-AIDS? WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
YEAH, IT'S MY LIFE AND MY PROBLEM, SO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
IT'S YOUR LIFE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE!!
WHAT? IS IT MY FAULT NOW!? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY!?
EH? NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO SAY
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY PLANS FOR HIS FUTURE! WHY ELSE WOULD I THROW A TANTRUM LIKE THIS!?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS THROW A TANTRUM LIKE THIS THAT
LIKE I SAID, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING!
SFX: THUMP
NOW NOW, LET'S CALM DOWN
AND HEAR HIS PLANS FIRST

SFX. CRACKLE BUZZ
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO SOFT ON TAROU THAT HE'S BECOME SO LAZY!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ISN'T IT BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS PRESSURE HIM SO MUCH?
CALM DOWN, YOU'RE GOING TO ELECTRO-CUTE US ALL
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALWAYS!? WHO DO YOU THINK COOKS AND CLEANS FOR YOU EVERYDAY !?
BAWWW
COULD YOU GUYS PLEASE KEEP IT DOWN!? I CAN'T FOCUS ON (READING) MANGA WITH ALL THIS NOISE!
UH-OH, MOM'S PISSED
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Night

WERE YOU EVEN TRY-ING?
MORE THAN HALF OF IT IS WRONG THOUGH
HOW UNEX-PECTED YOU DID YOUR HOME-WORK.
HE HE HE
SFX: KNOCK KNOCK
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK, TEACH-ER
コンコン
I UH...
!?
WELL
SFX: SOB
HOW DOES IT LOOK FOR MY SON ?
WILL HE BE FINE?
OH, SURE, THANK YOU
SFX: SIP
じーん
I'M SO GLAD
SO TAROU WAS DOING HIS BEST
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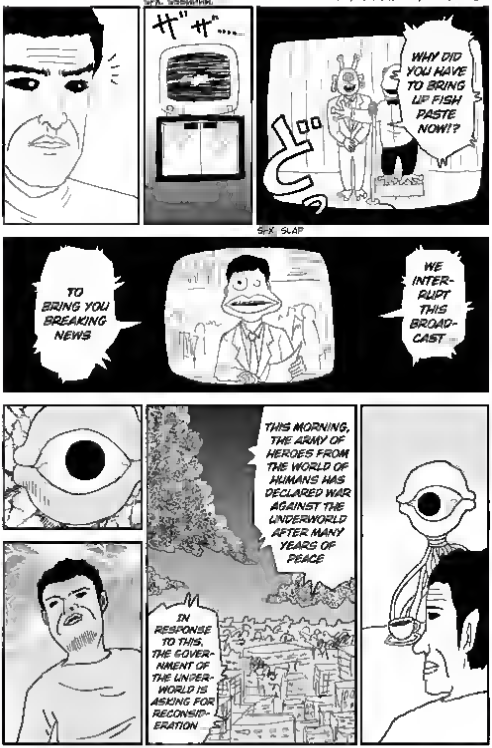
YEAH HE'S WORK-ING HARD
IT'S TOO EARLY TO FEEL RELIEVED THOUGH

THE DAY THE TESTS ARE RETURNED

Breaking News


SFX: SSSHHHH
"H" "H"....
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO BRING UP FISH PASTE NOW!?
SFX: SLAP
TO BRING YOU BREAKING NEWS
WE INTER-RUPT THIS BROAD-CAST
THIS MORNING, THE ARMY OF HEROES FROM THE WORLD OF HUMANS HAS DECLARED WAR AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD AFTER MANY YEARS OF PEACE
IN RESPONSE TO THIS, THE GOVER-NMENT OF THE UNDER-WORLD IS ASKING FOR RECONNAI-SSANCE

WHATEVER THE HEROES' DEMANDS MAY BE...
IF IT'S TO PREVENT A WAR, WE SHALL COMPLY AND SUBMIT TO THEM
TO ENGAGE IN A BLOODY FEUD NOW WOULD BE MOST FOOLISH AND REGRETTABLE
ENVOYS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE HUMAN WORLD TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A PEACE CONFERENCE
THE 75TH DEVIL KING
GORGONZOLA

UH, NO, MY KING...
THEY ALL SEEM SO HOLLOW, ALMOST AS IF THEIR SOULS HAD LEFT THEIR BODIES...

DID I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?
YES, MY KING !!

WHAT ?
BRING THEM IN!!

SFX SET
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MY KING, OUR ENVOYS ARE BACK FROM THE WORLD OF HUMANS!!
GOOD THEY'VE RETURNED SAFE AND SOUND. HUH?

SFX. ZONED OUT...
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I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...
SO THEY WERE LIKE THIS WHEN THEY CAME BACK FROM THE HUMAN WORLD...
SFX. TURN AROUND
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OH DEAR...
GUESS THE PEACE TALKS WILL DRAG ON FOR A LONG TIME.
BUT AS LONG AS MY SPIRITUAL BARRIER IS STILL INTACT THE HEROES SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO INVADE OUR WORLD...
IN THE WAR 1000 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A HERO WHO COULD USE MAGIC TO MAKE US DEMONS LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS...
THIS MAY BE HERO MAGIC...
THE HEROES CAN DECLARE WAR ALL THEY WANT, BUT THEY CAN'T GET PAST THE KING'S SPIRITUAL BARRIER!!
OH RIGHT! SINCE LORD GORGONZOLA BECAME OUR KING, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN PEACE FOR 800 YEARS

A holy sword

T/L NOTE: THE KANJI ON THE HERO'S HEADBAND IS THE FIRST KANJI OF THE WORD "HERO" AND MEANS "BRAVE AND STRONG"

YAAH
TODAY, THE DEVIL KING'S HEAD WAS CUT OFF BY A HERO
PEACE...

SFX: CHATTER CHATTER
T-THE DEVIL KING GOT KILL-ED!?
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YOU CAN COME OUT NOW!
ALL RIGHT, GUYS !!
IS THAT A HERO !?
A HERO !?
SFX: ZONE!! OUT
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LET'S SHOW THESE ROTTEN DEMONS
HOW DEMONIC WE HUMANS CAN BE!
SFX: DISTURBED CHATTER
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SUR-ROUND HIM!!
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BUT DON'T HURT HIM! IT'S THE KING'S DYING WISH!
WE HAVE TO AVOID A WAR AT ANY PRICE!
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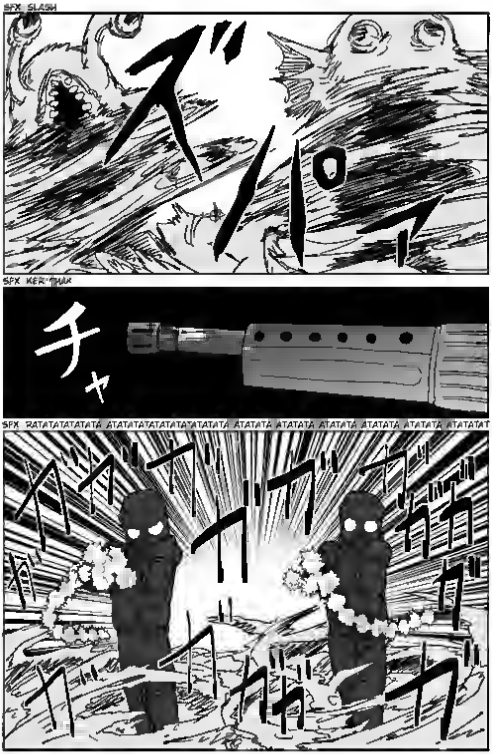
SFX SLASH
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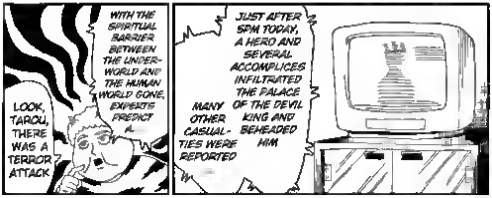
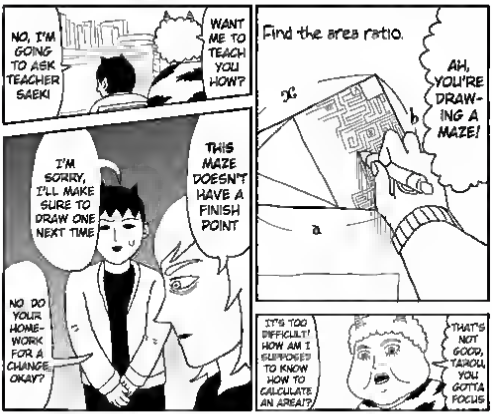

LOOK, TAROU, THERE WAS A TERROR ATTACK
WITH THE SPIRITUAL BARRIER BETWEEN THE UNDER-WORLD AND THE HUMAN WORLD GONE, EXPERTS PREDICT A
JUST AFTER 5PM TODAY, A HERO AND SEVERAL ACCOMPLICES INFILTRATED THE PALACE OF THE DEVIL KING AND BEHEADED HIM
MANY OTHER CASUAL-TIES WERE REPORTED

QUIT NAG-GING ME!
WAIT, WHAT? ARE YOU DOING HOME-WORK?
THE DEVIL KING WAS ATTACK-ED
HEY, DID YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?
THEY'RE SAYING HUMANS HAVE COME TO THE UNDER-WORLD


NO, I'M GOING TO ASK TEACHER SAEKI
WANT ME TO TEACH YOU HOW?
Find the area ratio.
AH, YOU'RE DRAW-ING A MAZE!
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THIS MAZE DOESN'T HAVE A FINISH POINT
I'M SORRY, I'LL MAKE SURE TO DRAW ONE NEXT TIME
NO DO YOUR HOME-WORK FOR A CHANGE, OKAY?
IT'S TOO DIFFICULT! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW HOW TO CALCULATE AN AREA!?
THAT'S NOT GOOD, TAROU, YOU GOTTA FOCUS

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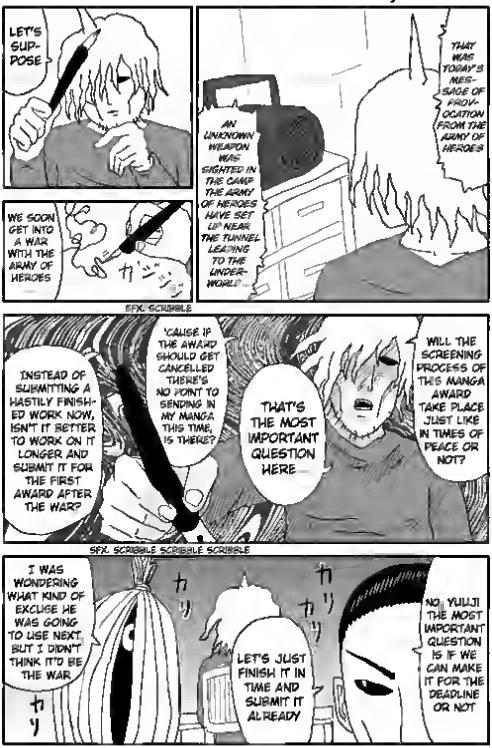
Beep
HELLO
REAL HEROES, HUH? SCARY
THE ARMY OF HEROES IS STILL ON STANDBY AT THE TUNNEL LEADING TO THE UNDERWORLD
THE HEROES ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL LAUNCH A FULL-BLOWN ATTACK IF THERE IS NO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS...
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE CALLING MY BOSS A COCKROACH
... ...
YOU MEAN THAT COCKROACH...? IT WAS A BIG ONE
HALF A YEAR AGO...?
REMEMBER WHO YOU KILLED HALF A YEAR AGO?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE ONE TO ME
I QUIT. I'M NOT A HITMAN ANYMORE
AM I TALKING TO HITMAN KAZUYA?
SFX: BANG
SFX: CLATTER
SHIT !!
WHY DID NO ONE TELL ME I HAD A FRIEND ALL THIS TIME!?
WHAT !?
OR YOUR FRIEND WILL DIE HERE
BUT YOU BETTER COME BY YOURSELF
COME TO THE BLACK BRICK STOREHOUSES TONIGHT
WHAT WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON
WAIT A MO-HEY!! I SAID WAIT! SHIT!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MY FRIEND WILL DIE...?

He got the wrong person too

SO YOU'RE HITMAN KAZUYA
HEH... LOOKS LIKE YOU ACTUALLY CAME ALL ALONE
I'VE WAITED LONG FOR THIS
I CAN FINALLY AVENGE MY BOSS! DIE!
DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BELIEVE WHAT I SAID AND SHOW UP ALONE
ARE YOU REAL-LY A PRO?
NOW LET MY FRIEND GO LIKE YOU SAID YOU WOULD ...
YEAH ...
WHAT WAS I HOPING FOR?

I TOOK CARE OF THE GUYS THAT WERE LYING IN WAIT OUTSIDE FOR YOU
NATTO ...
HEYA
I'VE NEVER MADE ANY EFFORT AT ANYTHING AFTER ALL
I THOUGHT YOU COULD WASTE YOUR YOUTH AND STILL MAKE IT THROUGH LIFE JUST FINE BUT I WAS WRONG
YEAH... IT WAS A LIE
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS
THERE WAS NO FRIEND, HUH...?
ALRIGHT GREAT TEACHER YUUJI'S MANGA IS ALMOST FINISHED LET'S HURRY HOME
YEAH
CHEH... YOU WENT THROUGH MY DRAWERS AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU!?
THAT NEW MANGA YOU'RE WORKING ON IS PRETTY FUN TO READ
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BUT YOU ARE MAKING A LOT OF EFFORT NOW

Unnecessary worries


LET'S SUP-POSE
THAT WAS TODAY'S MES-SAGE OF PROV-OCATION FROM THE ARMY OF HEROES
AN UNKNOWN WEAPON WAS SIGHTED IN THE CAVE THE ARMY OF HEROES HAVE SET UP NEAR THE TUNNEL LEADING TO THE UNDER-WORLD
WE SOON GET INTO A WAR WITH THE ARMY OF HEROES
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SFX: SCRIBBLE
INSTEAD OF SUBMITTING A HASTILY FINISH-ED WORK NOW, ISN'T IT BETTER TO WORK ON IT LONGER AND SUBMIT IT FOR THE FIRST AWARD AFTER THE WAR?
'CAUSE IF THE AWARD SHOULD GET CANCELLED THERE'S NO POINT TO SENDING IN MY MANGA THIS TIME, IS THERE?
THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION HERE
WILL THE SCREENING PROCESS OF THIS MANGA AWARD TAKE PLACE JUST LIKE IN TIMES OF PEACE OR NOT?
SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
I WAS WONDERING WHAT KIND OF EXCUSE HE WAS GOING TO USE NEXT, BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE THE WAR
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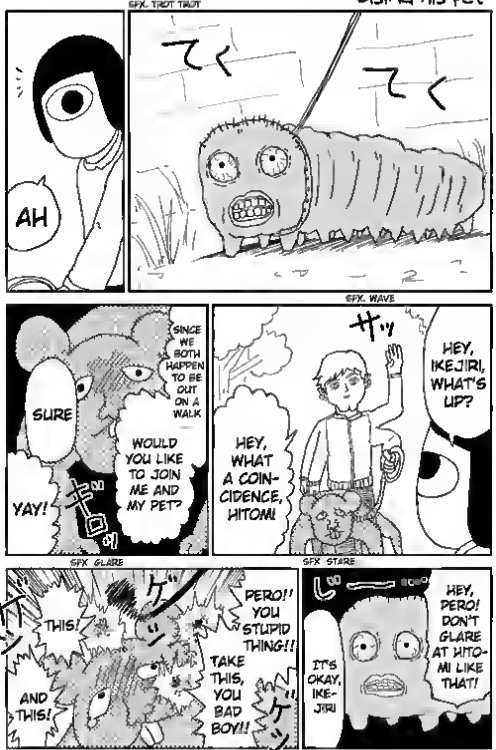
LET'S JUST FINISH IT IN TIME AND SUBMIT IT ALREADY
NO, YUUJI THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION IS IF WE CAN MAKE IT FOR THE DEADLINE OR NOT


Using his pet
SFX. TROT TROT
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AH
SFX. WAVE
SINCE WE BOTH HAPPEN TO BE OUT ON A WALK
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME AND MY PET?
SURE
YAY!
HEY, IKEJIRI, WHAT'S UP?
HEY, WHAT A COIN-CIDENCE, HITOMI!
SFX. GLARE
SFX. STARE
PERO!! YOU STUPID THING!!
TAKE THIS, YOU BAD BOY!!
THIS!
AND THIS!
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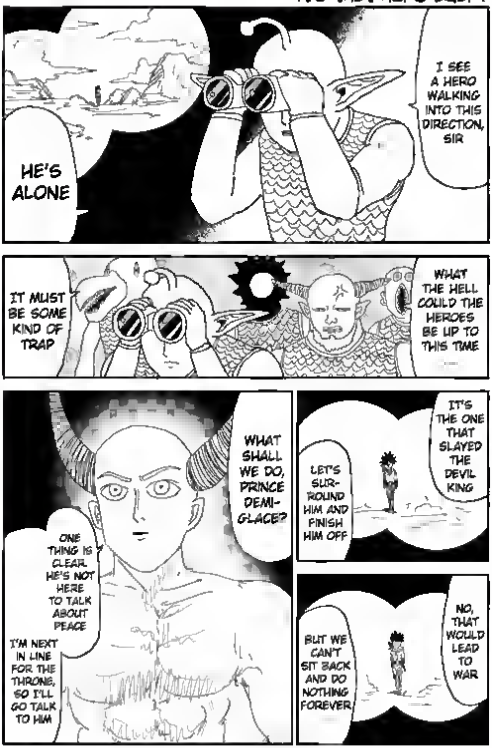
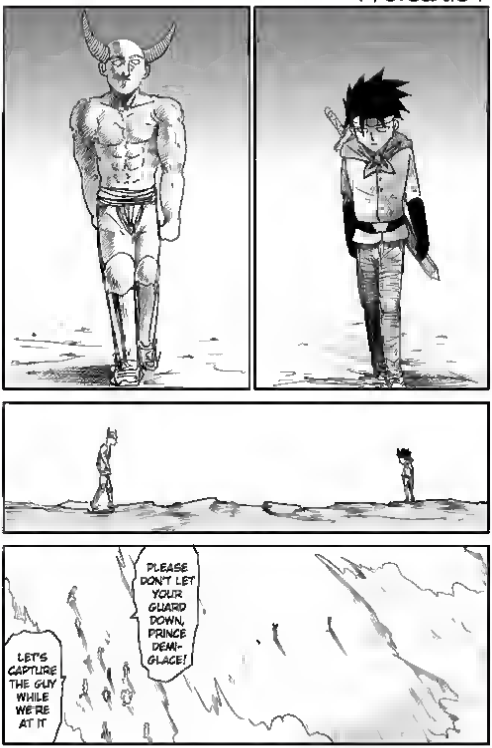
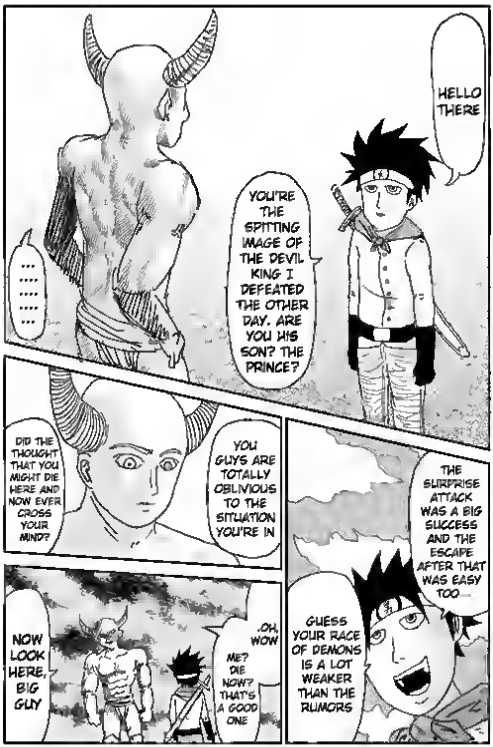
SFX. SMACK SMACK SMACK
HEY, PERO! DON'T GLARE AT HITOMI LIKE THAT!
IT'S OKAY, IKEJIRI

Unreasonable way to get turned down

DON'T HURT THE POOR THING !!
STOP THAT!
TAKE THIS!! AND THIS AND THIS!
SFX: CRACK CRACK CRACK
EH !?
I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE THAT HURT ANIMALS
I'M JUST TRAINING MY PET
BUT HITO-MI...
SFX: HUFF HUFF
I TREAT MY PET WITH THE UTMOST CARE!!
PERO IS LIKE FAMILY TO ME !!
I-LOOK, IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK IT IS, I'M ONLY DOING THIS OUT OF LOVE FOR PERO!!
I'LL ALWAYS PROTECT PERO! RIGHT, PERO!?
YES. HE'S FAMILY! IF SOME-ONE WERE TO HURT MY PERO I'D NEVER FORGIVE THEM!!
SFX: TURN AROUND


I SEE A HERO WALKING INTO THIS DIRECTION, SIR
HE'S ALONE
WHAT THE HELL COULD THE HEROES BE UP TO THIS TIME
IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF TRAP
WHAT SHALL WE DO, PRINCE DEMI-GLACE?
ONE THING IS CLEAR. HE'S NOT HERE TO TALK ABOUT PEACE
I'M NEXT IN LINE FOR THE THRONE, SO I'LL GO TALK TO HIM
IT'S THE ONE THAT SLAYED THE DEVIL KING
LET'S SURROUND HIM AND FINISH HIM OFF
NO, THAT WOULD LEAD TO WAR
BUT WE CAN'T SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING FOREVER


PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, PRINCE DEMI-GLACE!
LET'S CAPTURE THE GUY WHILE WE'RE AT IT


HELLO THERE
YOU'RE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF THE DEVIL KING I DEFEATED THE OTHER DAY. ARE YOU HIS SON? THE PRINCE?
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THE SURPRISE ATTACK WAS A BIG SUCCESS AND THE ESCAPE AFTER THAT WAS EASY TOO—
GUESS YOUR RACE OF DEMONS IS A LOT WEAKER THAN THE RUMORS
YOU GUYS ARE TOTALLY OBLIVIOUS TO THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN
DID THE THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT DIE HERE AND NOW EVER CROSS YOUR MIND?
.OH, WOW
ME? DIE NOW? THAT'S A GOOD ONE
NOW LOOK HERE, BIG GUY

YOU REALLY ARE ALL JUST SPOILED PEACE IDIOTS
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS GOING TO BE A PIECE OF CAKE
I'M NOT SO NICE THAT I'D LOSE ON PURPOSE TO WIMPS LIKE YOU
YOU SEE, UNLIKE DAD, I'M NOT AN ADULT
DON'T MOVE
OR THIS PEACE IDIOT HERE WILL END YOUR LIFE BEFORE YOU CAN DRAW YOUR SWORD
AND AT THE SAME TIME, EXTINCTION OF THE DEMON RACE
THE TERRITORIAL AGGRANDIZEMENT OF THE HUMAN WORLD
DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE BOXING DOWN HERE ?
HOW ABOUT IT? WANNA TRY A JAB FROM AN ADVANCED BOXER DEMON?
THE UNDERWORLD HAS ALWAYS INCORPORATED ELEMENTS FROM YOUR WORLD AND DEVELOPED THEM FURTHER
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

NOW DON'T MOVE A FINGER AND LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY
IT'LL SEND YOUR HEAD FLYING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HORIZON
YOU WILL THEN HEAD BACK TO YOUR WORLD AND ANNOUNCE THAT YOU'LL LEAVE THE UNDERWORLD ALONE FOR ETERNITY
I WILL NOW TAKE THAT HOLY SWORD ON YOUR BACK AND BREAK IT IN HALF
AHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHA!!
YOU THINK YOU'RE IN THE POSITION TO MAKE CONCESSIONS? YOU'RE SO FUNNY, MAN!! AND YOUR ONLY BARGAINING CHIP IS YOUR BARE FIST!?
SO THIS IS THE BIGGEST CONCESSION WE CAN MAKE
IF IT WAS FOR ME, I'D EXECUTE YOU HERE AND NOW, BUT DAD WOULD BE SAD
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GOT IT?

OKAY THEN! HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT!!
BECAUSE THAT WILL SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF OUR FULL-SCALE INVASION!
COME ON NOW!! PUNCH M-

Scientific level
SFX: CRACK
WHOA DIDN'T THINK IT'D GET CRACKS
THIS IS BULLET-PROOF GLASS THAT CAN EASILY STOP TANK MISSILES
I CAN SEE WHY HE'S SO FULL OF HIMSELF
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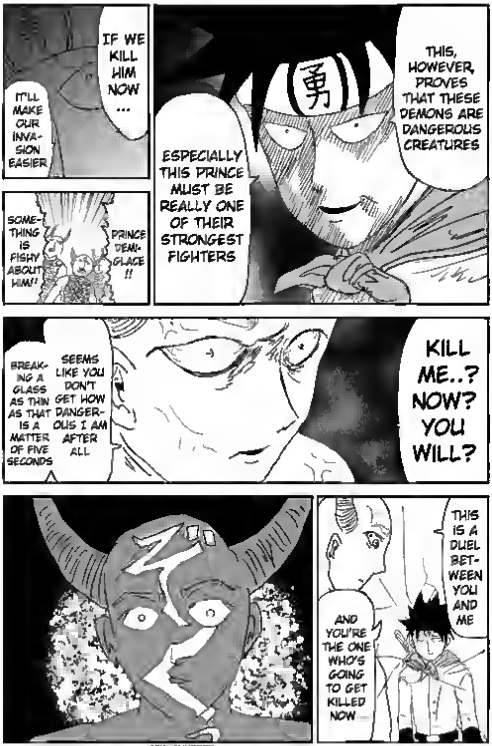
IF WE KILL HIM NOW ...
IT'LL MAKE OUR INVASION EASIER
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THIS, HOWEVER, PROVES THAT THESE DEMONS ARE DANGEROUS CREATURES
ESPECIALLY THIS PRINCE MUST BE REALLY ONE OF THEIR STRONGEST FIGHTERS
SOMETHING IS FISHY ABOUT HIM!!
PRINCE DEMIGLACE !!
KILL ME..? NOW? YOU WILL?
SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T GET HOW DANGEROUS I AM AFTER ALL
BREAKING A GLASS AS THIN AS THAT IS A MATTER OF FIVE SECONDS
THIS IS A DUEL BETWEEN YOU AND ME
AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO GET KILLED NOW
SFX SHUDDER

SFX. SPARKLE
SFX. VMM.
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SFX. SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE
YOU REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE THE OPTICAL CAMOUFLAGE
THIS WAR IS WAY TOO EASY
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SFX. SOUND OF A CRACKED LINE? UP
SFX. VMM
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EVERY-ONE, ATTACK!
HA HA HA
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I HAVE 200,000 SOLDIERS WITH ME TODAY

LET ME SHOW YOU HOW OUR FIGHT WITH THE UNDER-WORLD TROOPS IS GOING ALONG!
I KILLED BOTH THE DEVIL KING AND HIS SON!
I'M A HERO !!!
DID YOU SUCCEED IN HIJACK-ING THEIR BROAD-CAST? AM I ON AIR NOW? HELLO, RESIDENTS OF THE UNDER-WORLD!!
THERE'S ANOTHER DEMON! AND IT'S A HUGE ONE THIS TIME !!
OH, LOOK,
SFX. KA-BOOM
SFX. POP
HAHAHAHA! WE HAVE NOW BREACHED THE UNDERWORLD'S DEFENSE LINES AND NEXT IN LINE IS THE CAPITAL. SO YOU BETTER PREPARE YOUR WHITE FLAGS!! SEE YOU THERE!
OPEN FIRE !!
BUT IT'S NO BIG DEAL. YOU FIRST STOP THEIR MOVEMENT USING NERVE GAS AND THEN SHOWER THEM WITH SHELLS!!
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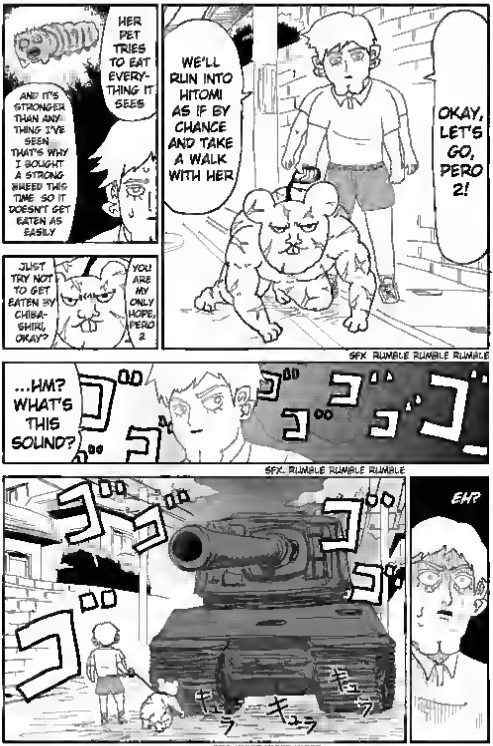
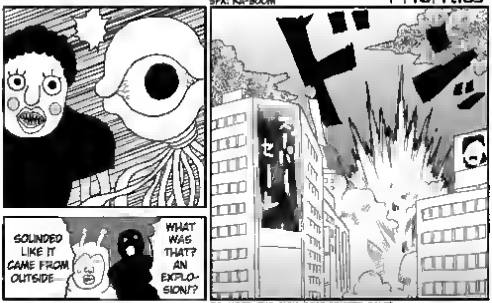
SFX. SLAP
SFX. POOF
I MISSED THE BEST PART OF TODAY'S EPISODE...
DAMN YOU, HERO... I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!
We apologize for the interruption of our broadcast due to a Heroes terrorist attack.
OWW! BUT I DIDN'T MEAN TO LOOK!
HOW DARE YOU LOOK AT MY PANTIES, YOU PERV!

Pero 2 VS Tank


HER PET TRIES TO EAT EVERY-THING IT SEES
AND IT'S STRONGER THAN ANY-THING I'VE SEEN. THAT'S WHY I BOUGHT A STRONG BREED THIS TIME SO IT DOESN'T GET EATEN AS EASILY
WE'LL RUN INTO HITOMI AS IF BY CHANCE AND TAKE A WALK WITH HER
OKAY, LET'S GO, PERO 2!
JUST TRY NOT TO GET EATEN BY CHIBA-SHIRI, OKAY?
YOU ARE MY ONLY HOPE, PERO 2
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
...HM? WHAT'S THIS SOUND?
SFX. RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
EH?
SFX. WOOF WOOF WOOF


SFX: KA-BOOM
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SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM OUTSIDE
WHAT WAS THAT? AN EXPLOSION!?
T/L NOTE: THE SIGN SAYS "SUPER SALE"

TODAY'S MORNING NEWS SAID THE ARMY OF HEROES DEFEATED THE GOVERNMENT FORCES AND...
HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED AT THE DOORS OF THE CAPITAL
OH NO, IS THAT RIGHT? HOW WORRISOME
IF THEY REALLY ATTACK OUR CITY, OUR FAMILIES WILL BE IN DANGER

SFX: KA-BOOM
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
I NEED TO CHECK IF EVERYONE IS ALRIGHT. ONCE TODAY'S LIMITED SALE OF FRESH FISH IS OVER, THAT IS

YOU THINK SO!?
IT'S QUITE GOOD
YEAH
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YEAH
IN THE END WE FINISHED THE ONE-SHOT WE WERE MAKING WHILE WORKING AS YUUJI'S ASSISTANTS BEFORE HIS...
LET'S CREATE THE NEXT ONE TOGETHER FROM SCRATCH AND SUBMIT IT FOR A MANGA AWARD
ALSO, CONSIDERING HOW IT'S NOT LONG AGO THAT YOU STARTED DRAWING MANGA, I'M SURE YOU CAN DO EVEN BETTER
SFX: TAU TAU TAU TAU TAU
SFX: TAP TAP
DON'T YOU WATCH ANY NEWS, NATTO? THE ARMY OF HEROES STARTED THEIR INVASION INTO THE CAPITAL THE OTHER DAY
ARE THEY TOURISTS?
WHO ARE THEY? WHAT ARE HUMANS DOING HERE ?
OH

PUT YOUR HANDS UP AND BEHIND YOUR HEAD
WE BE-LONG TO THE ARMY OF HE-ROES
DON'T TALK BACK, DEMON
EH? NO, I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO
I'M JUST TAKING A SHORT BREAK FROM WORK HERE, MIND YOU...
HM? DO YOU WANT SOME-THING FROM ME?
LIES! THERE'S NO WAY YOU DE-MONS ARE CIVILIZED ENOUGH TO KNOW MANGA
WUH!? YOU'RE A MANGA ARTIST?
ERR, I DRAW MANGA
YOU THERE, WHAT'S YOUR JOB?
IT'D BE INTER-ESTING TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF WORK AVERAGE DEMONS DO
WELL, OKAY, LET'S JUST ASK HIM A FEW QUES-TIONS
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM
LET THIS GUY OFF THE HOOK
OH, LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT IT
I GOT A MANGA DRAFT WITH ME IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME

Looking forward

YEAH, IT'S GREAT
SFX: SMILE SMILE
A NICE COLD BEER AFTER WORK...
WOO OOOO YEAA AAAH
MAN, THIS IS WHAT I LIVE FOR!
BOO YEAH, SOUNDS GOOD!!
BLOOD POND HOT SPRINGS
YEAH, WHERE ARE WE GOING THIS YEAR AGAIN?
I FEEL LIKE OUR COMPANY TRIP THIS SUMMER WILL BE A GOOD ONE
THE NEW PRODUCT IS FINALLY SELLING WELL TOO
DO YOU SEE ALL THE TRASH FLOATING IN THE WATER!? DEMONS IN THE VICINITY ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE HEROES WHO DON'T KNOW ANY MANNERS AS TOURISTS!
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW THE BLOOD POND LOOKS NOW AFTER THE HEROES HAVE BEEN HERE!
HEY CHEF, I'LL HAVE THE USUAL PLEASE!
THE SPINY INSECTS GRILLED WHOLE HERE ARE REALLY TASTY
BOMBINGS BY THE ARMY OF HEROES HAVE CUT OFF OUR SUPPLY ROADS AND AS IT LOOKS WE WON'T BE GETTING ANY SUPPLIES UNTIL THE ROADS CAN BE USED AGAIN
I'M SORRY SIR, BUT WE'RE OUT OF SPINY INSECTS RIGHT NOW

SFX BOOM BOOM
THE DEVIL KING'S ARMY WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY TAKEN APART IT SHOULD BE CLEAR NOW WHICH SIDE WILL WIN THIS WAR
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY REAL CASUALTIES EITHER
THE DEMONS AREN'T EVEN TRYING TO RUN AWAY
ON THE CONTRARY THEY'RE JUST LIVING THEIR LIVES LIKE ALWAYS
VERY STRANGE. WE'RE TOTALLY OVERRUNNING THE UNDERWORLD AND YET
AND I CAN'T EVEN BLAME THEM SINCE NONE OF THE TREATIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS APPLY HERE
BUT THEY'RE PROBABLY JUST HAVING TOO MUCH FUN PLAYING AROUND WITH THE DEMONS
MOST OF OUR TROOPS THAT WERE SENT TO THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS HAVE YET TO RETURN
ONE OF OUR ADVANCE TROOPS THAT WAS SENT TO AN URBAN DISTRICT WAS WIPED OUT!!
BUT WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY CASE HERE!!
PRESIDENT! I HAVE NEWS FOR YOU!!
I'M SORRY
DID I NOT TELL YOU TO CALL ME "HERO" HERE?

THE LAST MESSAGE WE RECEIVED FROM THEM ONLY SAID "LIMITED SALE"
ALSO, ONE OF THE CAMERAS OF OUR TANK TROOP HAS CAPTURED A FEROCIOUS LOOKING CREATURE ON A LEASH
I'LL TEACH THEM TO FEAR US HEROES
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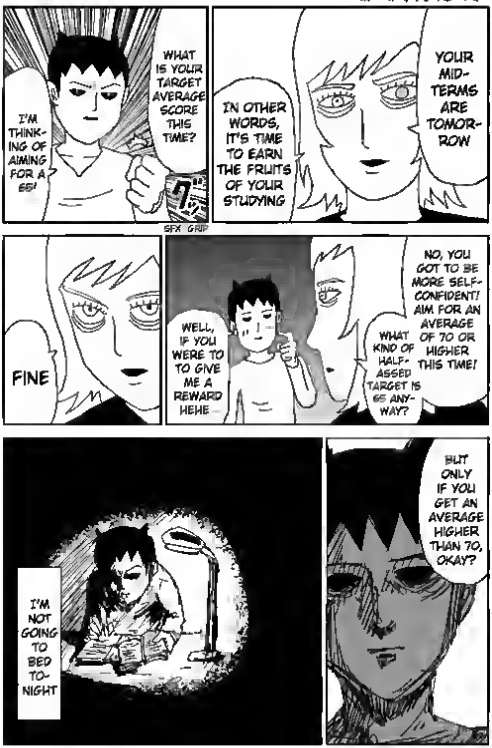
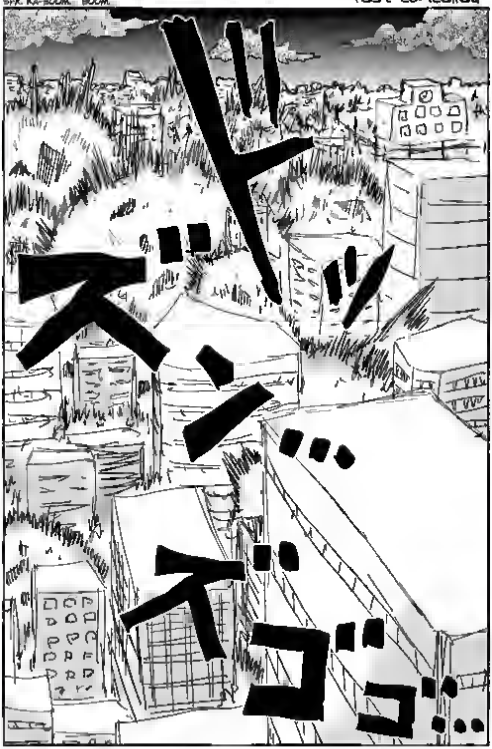
AND OUR ECOLOGY RESEARCH TEAM HAS GONE MISSING TOO
I WILL TAKE COM-MAND
MOVE ALL OUR TROOPS TO THE FRONT LINE

Meanwhile
SFX. FIDGET FIDGET
WHAT IS THAT!?
SHIT! WHERE THE HELL ARE WE? WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE ECOLOGY IN THE UNDER-WORLD...
WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH HEAD-QUARTERS TOO...
HM?
I CAN'T CONFIRM OUR CURRENT LOCATION!!
SFX. GAPE
SFX. RATATATATATAT
IT'S A MON-STER!
SHOOT IT!!
NEVER MIND THE HEROES, I HEARD TABERU WILL SOON GIVE BIRTH
THE NEWS SAYS THE HEROES ARE HERE IN TOWN NOW
I NEED TO PAY HER A VISIT!


I'M THINKING OF AIMING FOR A 65!
WHAT IS YOUR TARGET AVERAGE SCORE THIS TIME?
SFX: GRIP
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S TIME TO EARN THE FRUITS OF YOUR STUDYING
YOUR MID-TERMS ARE TOMORROW
FINE
WELL, IF YOU WERE TO TO GIVE ME A REWARD HEHE
WHAT KIND OF HALF-ASSED TARGET IS 65 ANYWAY?
NO, YOU GOT TO BE MORE SELF-CONFIDENT! AIM FOR AN AVERAGE OF 70 OR HIGHER THIS TIME!
I'M NOT GOING TO BED TONIGHT
BUT ONLY IF YOU GET AN AVERAGE HIGHER THAN 70, OKAY?

AND KEEP THEM FACE DOWN UNTIL THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS
I WILL PASS OUT YOUR TEST PAPERS NOW
COULD YOU PLEASE NOT TALK TO ME UNTIL THE TEST IS OVER?
WOW, YOU SEEM PUMPED UP FOR THIS, TAROU
SFX: THUMP
!!?
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I STUDIED LAST NIGHT !!
THI- THIS ...
OH BOY, THIS IS ...
I CAN DO THIS ...
I ACTUALLY KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THIS ...

SFX. KA-BOOM... BOOM.



He snapped
SFX: KA-BOOM BOOM
I HEAR THESE ARE NO SHOTS FROM A TANK OR EXPLOSIONS THOUGH!!
IT'S CLOSE! WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S VERY CLOSE!!
WHOA, WHAT IS GOING ON!!?
MUST BE THE ARMY OF HEROES AGAIN HOW ANNOYING
SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
SFX: WAHHH GAHHH
I'M ALMOST DONE, SIR I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET AN AVERAGE HIGHER THAN 70 THIS TIME!
SUZUKI!! EVACUATE TO THE GYM LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!!
SFX: BONK
I'LL GIVE THEM A PIECE OF MY MIND
.....HEROES..
HEROES SO WHAT IF THEY'RE HEROES!? IT DOESN'T GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO RENDER MY ALL-NIGHTER USELESS
THE HEROES ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER
YOU FOOOOOOL

VS
SFX: CRACKLE CRACKLE
S-SO POWERFUL... GUESS THIS IS WHY HE'S OUR PRESERVER... HERO
YOU KNOW, TO BE EXACT IT'S THE SWORD THAT'S POWERFUL
SFX: KA BOOM
WHEN I FIRST HEARD OF HIS PLAN TO TURN AN IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND FROM THE GRAVE OF A HERO INTO A WEAPON, I THOUGHT HE'D LOST IT
WELL, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT... IT WAS ONE OF HIS ANCESTORS' GRAVE AFTER ALL
THE ENERGY WEAPON "HOLY SWORD"
ALL THE BLOOD SWEAT, TEARS AND FORTUNE OF OUR COMPANY'S WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WENT INTO IT
SFX: WHOOSH
?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

I SAW YOU ON TV
YOU'RE THAT HERO
WHAT DO YOU WANT, KID?
I'M A HERO
DAMN RIGHT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY AND I DON'T CARE
THE DEMON RACE MUST BE WIPED OUT
DIE
NOW THAT I'VE SEEN YOU IN REAL-LIFE, I'M SURE OF IT
YOU HAVE TO BE STOP-PED
WHAT A LAME HERO
...!?

His opinion
SFX: POINT
WE ALL GREW UP WITH VIDEO GAMES AND BOOKS ABOUT HEROES!!
THAT'S WHY WE HAVEN'T BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT YOUR ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND THAT'S WHY YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!!
LET ME TELL YOU WHAT WE DEMONS THINK ABOUT "HEROES"!! LIKE ALIENS AND MYSTERIOUS ANIMALS YOU'RE BASICALLY LOVABLE MASCOTS FOR US!!
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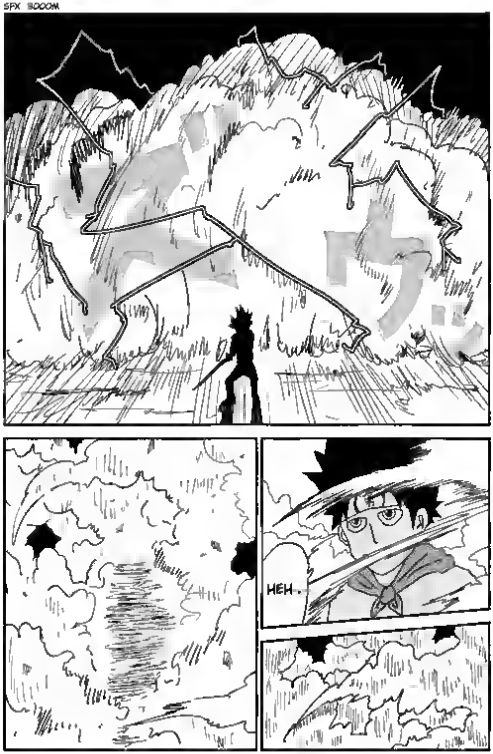
IT'S A SHAME, REALLY!
BUT TO THINK THAT THE REAL THING IS SO DISAPPOINTING...
SFX: POW
EH
KID!!
YOU DARE MOCK ME? HUH?


SFX: BOOOM
HEH.

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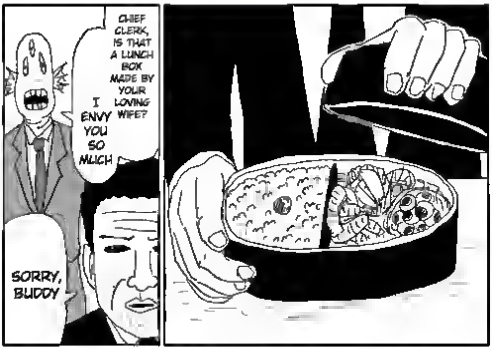
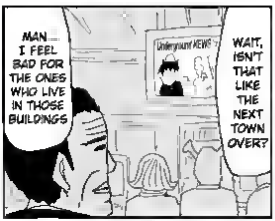
GFK RUN
TABERU !!!?
SO THAT CHILD OF YOURS REACHED ITS FINAL FORM!?
YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE BIRTH NOW!?
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME
IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU'RE SHAKING

SFX: GAPE
OPEN FIRE !!!!
SFX: WH RRRR
SFX: KA-CHAK


CHIEF CLERK, IS THAT A LUNCH BOX MADE BY YOUR LOVING WIFE?
I ENVY YOU SO MUCH
SORRY, BUDDY


Underground NEWS
WAIT, ISN'T THAT LIKE THE NEXT TOWN OVER?
MAN... I FEEL BAD FOR THE ONES WHO LIVE IN THOSE BUILDINGS

LOOK, LOOK, THERE'S A HERO ON TV AND HE'S LIKE RUNNING AMOK
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT
DID SOME-ONE PICK A FIGHT WITH HIM OR WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?

SO THIS IS TABE-RU'S CHILD

HUH? WHERE ARE YOU GOING, CHIEF CLERK?
JUST GOING OUTSIDE FOR A BIT...

IT HAD THE SHAPE OF A HUMAN BEING
TABE-RU'S CHILD DIDN'T HAVE A HORN OR A TAIL
AND AS FOR ITS TEMPER-AMENT...
THE ONLY DIFFER-ENCE WAS THAT IT WAS A BIT BIGGER THAN THE AVERAGE HUMAN

SFX: RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE...
DID I FINALLY UNDERSTAND
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ONLY AFTER COMING TO THE RESENTFUL AREAS OF THE UNDERWORLD
SFX: KA-WHAM
IN FACT, THEY HAVEN'T HAD A WAR FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS
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THAT THE UNDERWORLD IS TRULY PEACEFUL
SFX: ROARRR
SHIT... I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THIS SOONER...
YOU CAN SEE IT IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE DEVIL KING'S ARMY AND YOU CAN FEEL IT IN THE AIR...
SFX: HUFF HUFF HUFF HUFF
USE THEIR ARMY AS A BASIS TO MEASURE THE POWER OF THE UNDERWORLD AS A WHOLE AND...
WITH NO ENEMIES TO FIGHT LEFT, THE DEVIL'S ARMY HAD BECOME WEAKER AND WEAKER... UNTIL IT WAS JUST A SHADOW OF ITS FORMER SELF

SFX: FWOOOSH
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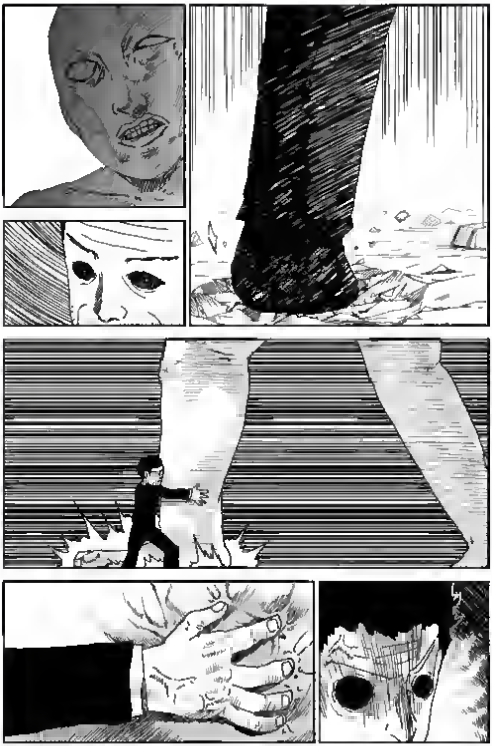
YOU'RE IN FOR A RUDE AWAK-ENING!!
SFX: THUMP
WHOA... TABERU!!? FIRST OF ALL, CONGRATU-LATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR CHILD, I GUESS!!
BUT IT SURE IS VIOLENT FOR A NEWBORN BABY!
IS IT BECAUSE IT WAS MADE BY FUSING HUMANS!?

SFX: THUMP
NO
SFX: WHUMP
IT'S VIOLENT BECAUSE IT'S A NEWBORN BABY
SFX: WHUMP
DAD!!
WHETHER YOU'RE VIOLENT OR NOT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON
IT'D BE A MISTAKE TO THINK EVERY HUMAN IS VIOLENT
TA-ROU
HE'S STRONG...
AND YOU BELONG TO THE VIOLENT KIND
WHO ARE YOU?
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HERO?

YOU HURT MY SON, DIDN'T YOU?

Guidance



SFX: BAAAAAAWWWWWWWWWWW
SFX: WHAAAAAM
Lump
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ぎゃあああああ
んっぎゃあああ
IT'S CRYING
SFX: NOD
ペコリッ
PLEASE GO SEE TO YOUR BABY
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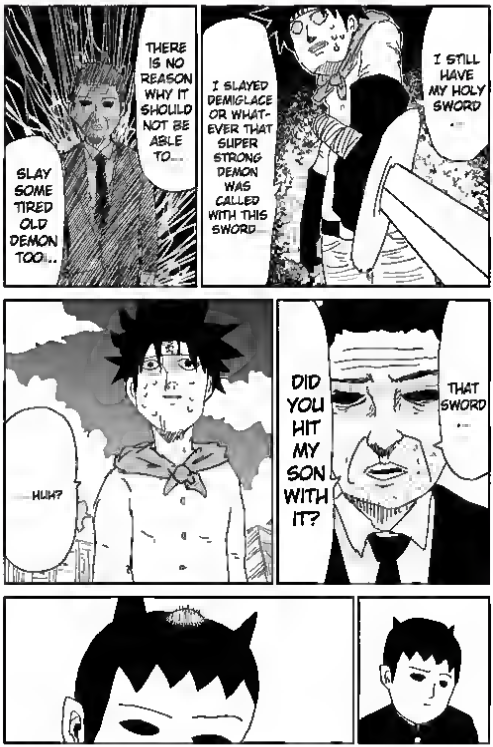
I STILL HAVE MY HOLY SWORD...
I SLAYED DEMIGLACE OR WHATEVER THAT SUPER STRONG DEMON WAS CALLED WITH THIS SWORD...
THERE IS NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO...
SLAY SOME TIRED OLD DEMON TOO...
THAT SWORD...
DID YOU HIT MY SON WITH IT?
...HUH?

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SFX: THUD
SFX: WHOOOO
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SFX: -OOSH
SFX: THUD
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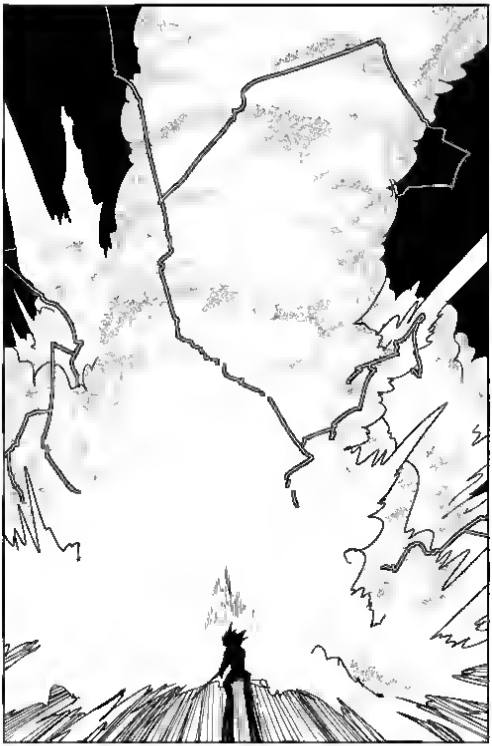
CAN I REALLY KILL THIS DEMON WITH MY HOLY SWORD?
CAN I DO IT...?

AHHHHH
HHHHH
I'M A
HERO
I'M A
HERO
I'M A
HERO
KID

THEY MUST BE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT HAVING GREAT ANCESTORS AUTOMATICALLY MAKES YOU GREAT TOO
WHY ARE HEROES SO FULL OF THEMSELVES ANYWAY?
SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF HEROES HAVE RECEIVED MONEY THEIR WHOLE LIVES FOR DOING NOTHING
THEY USED TO PROTECT US FROM THE UNDERWORLD, BUT THAT WAS HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO
I HEARD THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO CUT FUNDS TO HEROES SOON
ABOUT FUCKING TIME! IT'S JUST A WASTE OF OUR TAXES!
DON'T BE FOOLED BY THEIR SHINING HERO EYES BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY ENOUGH YOU'LL SEE THEY'RE COMPLETELY EMPTY INSIDE
THEY ALWAYS SAY THEY'RE DEVELOPING WEAPONS THAT WILL HELP OUR PROTECTORS, OURSELVES, WHEN THE FATED TIME COMES. BUT THEY'RE JUST GUN AND ARMS DEALING BUSINESSMEN AREN'T THEY?
ABSO-LUTELY NOTHING!
HEROES, WHAT ARE THEY EVEN GOOD FOR?
HUH? WAIT A SECOND
IT'S JUST MEANINGLESS TO PREPARE FOR A FATED TIME THAT WILL NEVER COME
THE DEMONS HAVE BEEN CALM AND PEACEFUL FOR A LONG TIME NOW



ONCE I'VE WIPED OUT THE DEMON RACE, THE PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO REMEMBER HOW STRONG WE HEROES ARE!
ONCE I'VE CONQUERED THE UNDER-WORLD, THE PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO CHANGE THEIR OPINION OF US HEROES!
SLAY AN EVIL DEMON LIKE YOU ...
WAIT-ING FOR A CHANCE TO...
WAIT-ING FOR THIS ALL MY LIFE
I'VE BEEN ...
SFX WHOOSH
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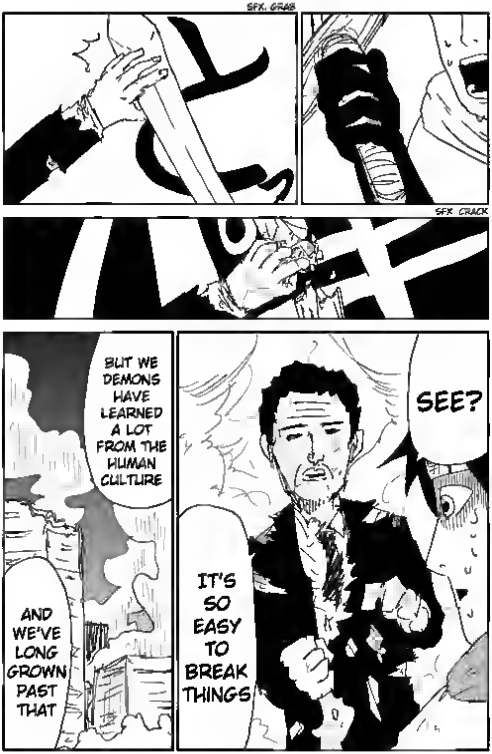
SFX: GRAB
SFX: CRACK
SEE?
IT'S SO EASY TO BREAK THINGS
BUT WE DEMONS HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM THE HUMAN CULTURE
AND WE'VE LONG GROWN PAST THAT

WE'VE LEARNED TO BUILD THINGS
BUT TO BUILD SOMETHING IS DIFFICULT
ANYONE COULD DO WHAT YOU'RE DOING
SO DON'T JUST BREAK WHAT WE'VE WORKED HARD TO BUILD
IF IT'S JUST BREAKING THINGS
WE CAN TEACH YOU ALL ABOUT IT
CRACK
BUT... IT'S SUCH A MEANINGLESS THING TO DO
TAKE THIS ADVICE FROM A FATHER THAT'S ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT HIS SON...
BUT DAD!

IT WASN'T THE HERO THAT GAVE ME THIS LUMP
IT WAS MY TEACHER WITH HIS IRON FIST
WELL, UMM... WHAT CAN I SAY...
SFX: SWEAT
SORRY UMM.. FOR BREAK-ING YOUR HOLY SWORD ..
I HAVE TO GO... AND YOU BETTER RETURN TO THE HUMAN WORLD TOO ..

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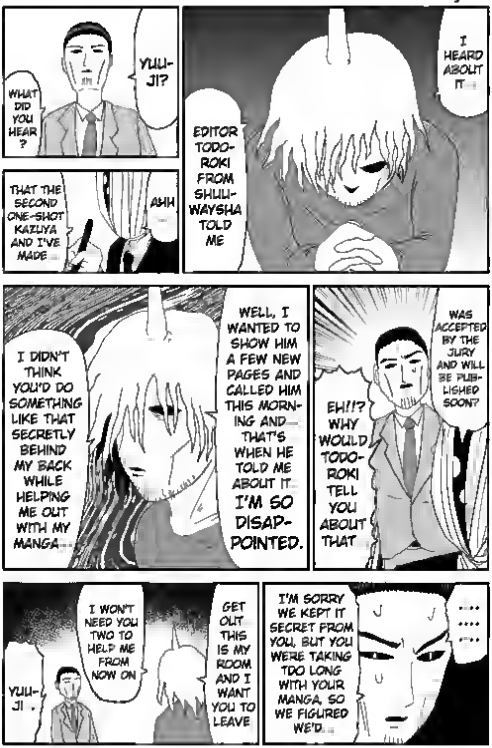
YOU KNOW I KILLED THE DEVIL KING AND DESTROYED SO MUCH IN THE UNDER-WORLD!!
W-WAIT! AREN'T YOU GOING TO KILL ME!?
WE SPEND EVERY DAY TRYING TO BUILD THINGS
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN
WHAT GOOD WOULD KILLING YOU DO?
I'D HAVE SO GOTTEN AN AV-ERAGE HIGHER THAN 70
AND THAT'S ALSO HOW..
WE CAN ENJOY EVERY SINGLE DAY
DON'T FREAK, BUT..
BUILD
!!!

A HERO ASKS FOR AN AUDIENCE
MY KING.
LET HIM IN
HE BRINGS YOU SWEETS AND CAKES
I DON'T MIND AS LONG AS HE THROWS HIS TRASH INTO THE TRASH CAN AND NOT ONTO THE STREET
HEH AFTER GOING ON A RAMPAGE LIKE THAT?
I HEAR THAT HERO'S ON A SIGHTSEEING TOUR NOW
WELL


YUU-JI?
WHAT DID YOU HEAR?
I HEARD ABOUT IT...
EDITOR TODO-ROKI FROM SHUU-WAYSHA TOLD ME
AHH
THAT THE SECOND ONE-SHOT KAZUYA AND I'VE MADE...
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT SECRETLY BEHIND MY BACK WHILE HELPING ME OUT WITH MY MANGA...
WELL, I WANTED TO SHOW HIM A FEW NEW PAGES AND CALLED HIM THIS MORNING AND... THAT'S WHEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT IT... I'M SO DISAP-POINTED.
EH!!? WHY WOULD TODO-ROKI TELL YOU ABOUT THAT
WAS ACCEPTED BY THE JURY AND WILL BE PUB-LISHED SOON?
YUU-JI.
I WON'T NEED YOU TWO TO HELP ME FROM NOW ON
GET OUT THIS IS MY ROOM AND I WANT YOU TO LEAVE
I'M SORRY WE KEPT IT SECRET FROM YOU, BUT YOU WERE TAKING TOO LONG WITH YOUR MANGA, SO WE FIGURED WE'D...
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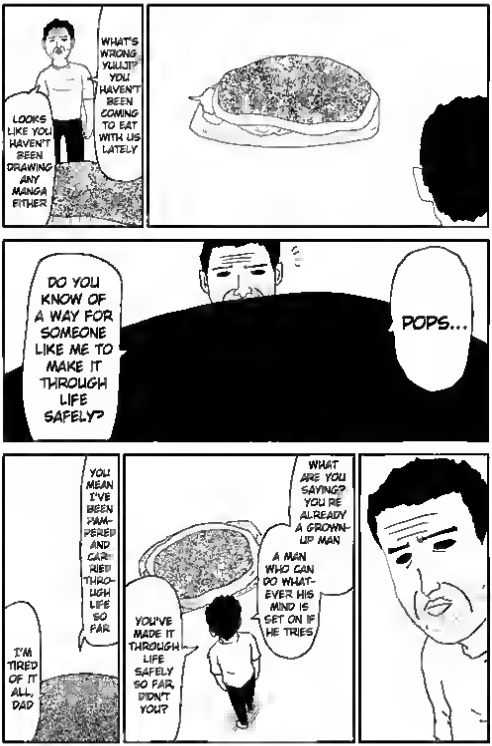
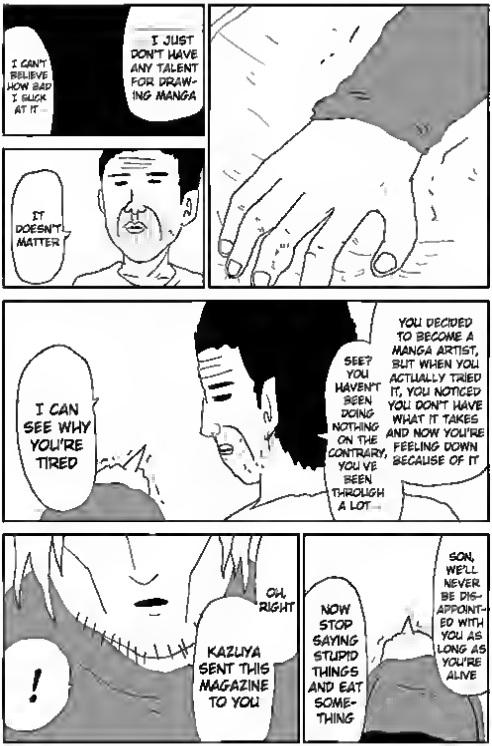

WHAT'S WRONG YUUJI? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN COMING TO EAT WITH US LATELY
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN DRAWING ANY MANGA EITHER
POPS...
DO YOU KNOW OF A WAY FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO MAKE IT THROUGH LIFE SAFELY?
YOU MEAN I'VE BEEN PAMPERED AND CARRIED THROUGH LIFE SO FAR
I'M TIRED OF IT ALL, DAD
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE ALREADY A GROWN-UP MAN
A MAN WHO CAN DO WHATEVER HIS MIND IS SET ON IF HE TRIES
YOU'VE MADE IT THROUGH LIFE SAFELY SO FAR, DIDN'T YOU?

WE ALL GET TIRED FROM TIME TO TIME
I'M SUCH A PATHETIC PIECE OF SHIT
I REALLY AM...
I'M SO TIRED POPS EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER REALLY DONE ANYTHING IN MY LIFE
I'M SUCH A...
SFX. GNAB
IT'S JUST PROOF THAT WE'RE ALIVE
I'M NO EXCEP-TION
SFX. RUSTLE
EVEN YOU AND MOM WILL BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ME ONE DAY! I KNOW YOU WILL! AND I STILL CAN'T GET MYSELF TO DO ANYTHING...!
THE PEOPLE AROUND ME HAVE BEEN PATIENT WITH ME, BUT PATIENCE HAS IT'S LIMITS
SCARED OF LIVING ANOTHER 300 LONG YEARS OF GROWING TIRED FROM NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANY-THING...
I'M SCA-RED ...


I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT FOR DRAWING MANGA
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW BAD I SUCK AT IT...
IT DOESN'T MATTER
YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A MANGA ARTIST, BUT WHEN YOU ACTUALLY TRIED IT, YOU NOTICED YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES AND NOW YOU'RE FEELING DOWN BECAUSE OF IT
SEE? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN DOING NOTHING ON THE CONTRARY, YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT...
I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE TIRED
SON, WE'LL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED WITH YOU AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE
NOW STOP SAYING STUPID THINGS AND EAT SOMETHING
OH, RIGHT
KAZUYA SENT THIS MAGAZINE TO YOU
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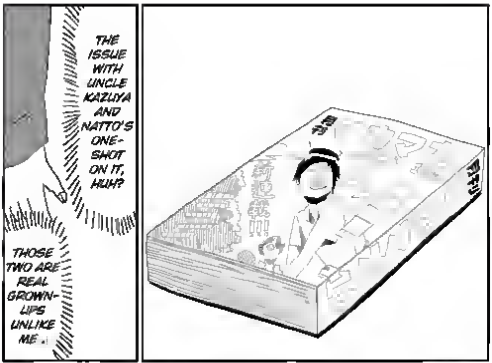

SFX: FLIP FLIP

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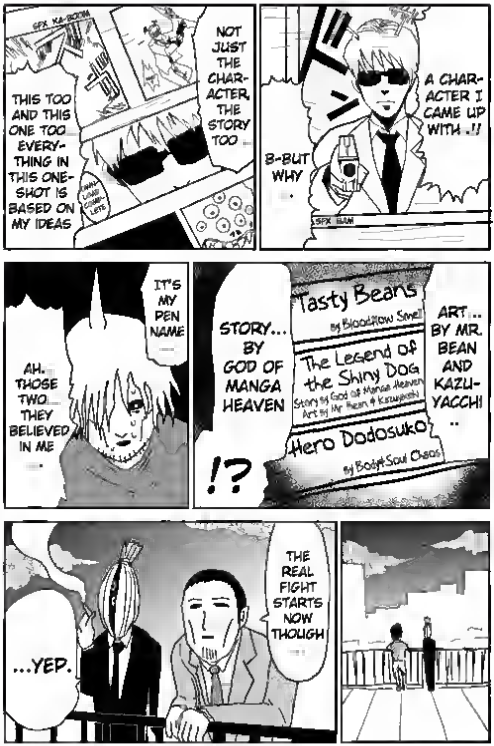
SFX: KA-BOOM
THIS TOO AND THIS ONE TOO... EVERYTHING IN THIS ONE-SHOT IS BASED ON MY IDEAS
MANGA CHARACTERS
NOT JUST THE CHARACTER, THE STORY TOO
B-BUT WHY
A CHARACTER I CAME UP WITH..!!
SFX: BAM
AH... THOSE TWO... THEY BELIEVED IN ME
IT'S MY PEN NAME
STORY... BY GOD OF MANGA HEAVEN
!?
Tasty Bears
by Bloodflow Smell
The Legend of the Shiny Dog
Story by God of Manga Heaven
Art by Mr. Bean & Kazuyacchi
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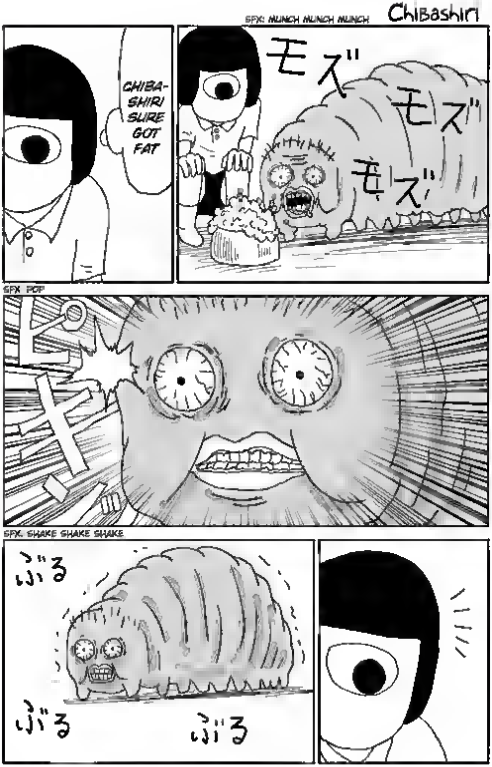
ART... BY MR. BEAN AND KAZUYACCHI
...YEP.
THE REAL FIGHT STARTS NOW THOUGH


SFX: MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
Chibashiri
CHIBA-SHIRI SURE GOT FAT
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SFX: POP
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SFX: SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
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SFX: THUD
パタッ
SFX: SILENCE
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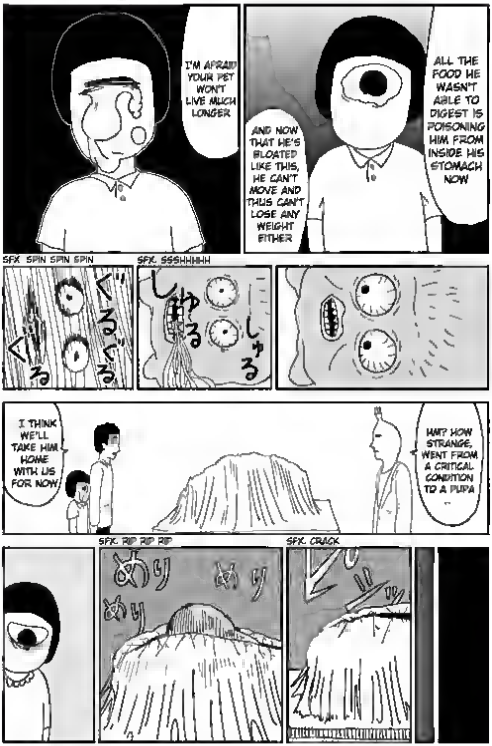
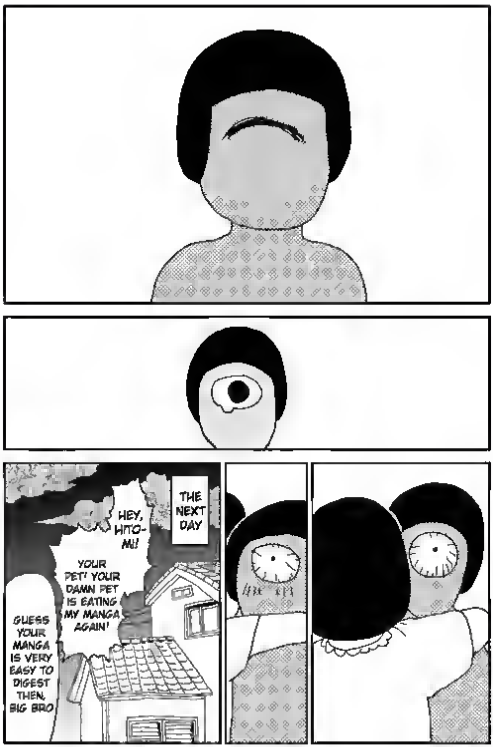
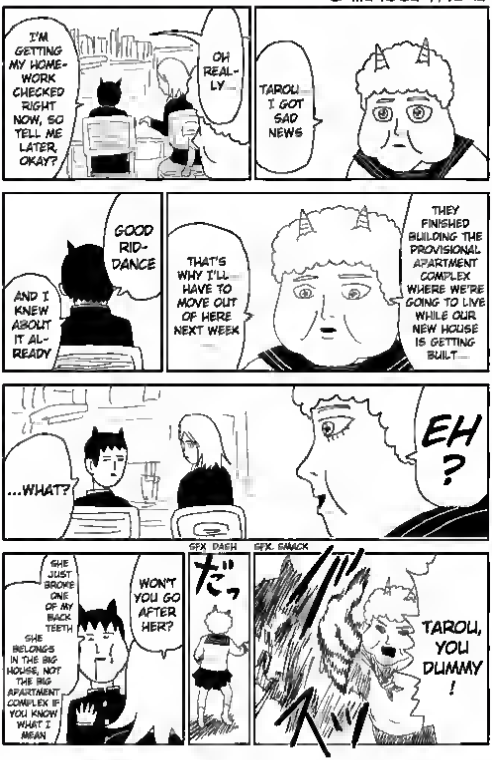
IT SEEMS YOU FED IT TOO MUCH
IT'S THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL A PET'S DIET, YOU KNOW?
YOUR PET IS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION


I'M AFRAID YOUR PET WON'T LIVE MUCH LONGER
AND NOW THAT HE'S BLOATED LIKE THIS, HE CAN'T MOVE AND THUS CAN'T LOSE ANY WEIGHT EITHER
ALL THE FOOD HE WASN'T ABLE TO DIGEST IS POISONING HIM FROM INSIDE HIS STOMACH NOW
SFX. SPIN SPIN SPIN
SFX. SSSHHHHH
I THINK WE'LL TAKE HIM HOME WITH US FOR NOW
HM!? HOW STRANGE, WENT FROM A CRITICAL CONDITION TO A PUPA ..
SFX. RIP RIP RIP
SFX. CRACK


THE NEXT DAY
HEY, HITO-MI!
YOUR PET? YOUR DAMN PET IS EATING MY MANGA AGAIN!
GUESS YOUR MANGA IS VERY EASY TO DIGEST THEN, BIG BRO


I'M GETTING MY HOME-WORK CHECKED RIGHT NOW, SO TELL ME LATER, OKAY?
OH REAL-LY
TAROU I GOT SAD NEWS
GOOD RID-DANCE
AND I KNEW ABOUT IT AL-READY
THAT'S WHY I'LL HAVE TO MOVE OUT OF HERE NEXT WEEK
THEY FINISHED BUILDING THE PROVISIONAL APARTMENT COMPLEX WHERE WE'RE GOING TO LIVE WHILE OUR NEW HOUSE IS GETTING BUILT
...WHAT?
EH ?
SHE JUST BROKE ONE OF MY BACK TEETH
SHE BELONGS IN THE BIG HOUSE, NOT THE BIG APARTMENT COMPLEX IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
WON'T YOU GO AFTER HER?
SFX: DASH
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SFX: SMACK
TAROU, YOU DUMMY !

EVEN IF YOU WERE GOOD AT SCHOOL, IT WOULDN'T BE OKAY TO TREAT GIRLS LIKE THAT
AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOOD AT SCHOOL
NOW GO AFTER THAT GIRL
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN WITH YOUR HOMEWORK THIS TIME
EH!! BUT TEACHER SAEKI ...
HEHE HE.
COME ON, SHOW US YOUR CUTE FACE.
OH WOW
WHY THE HECK WOULD ANYONE WANT TO CHAT UP A FUGLY GIRL LIKE TSUNO?
HEY, TSUNO
HUH?
AH... THERE SHE IS
HEY, WANNA PLAY WITH US, BABY?
WOW, WOW, A JUNIOR HIGH GIRL SITTING AROUND ALL ALONE IN A PARK THIS LATE?

SHE ISN'T CUTE AT ALL
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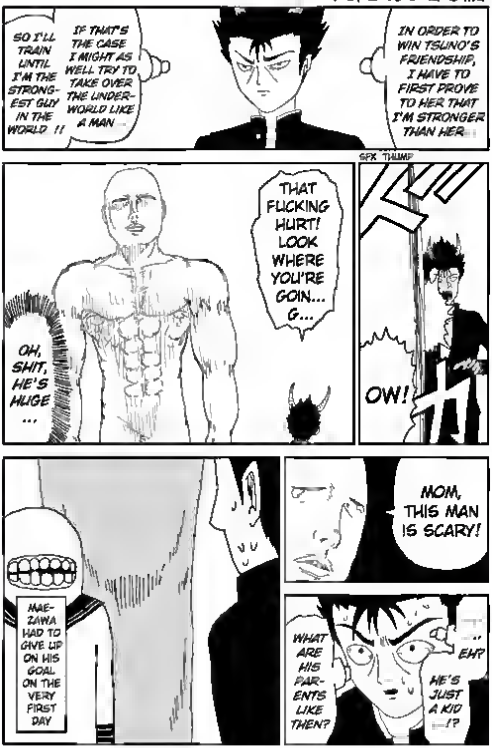
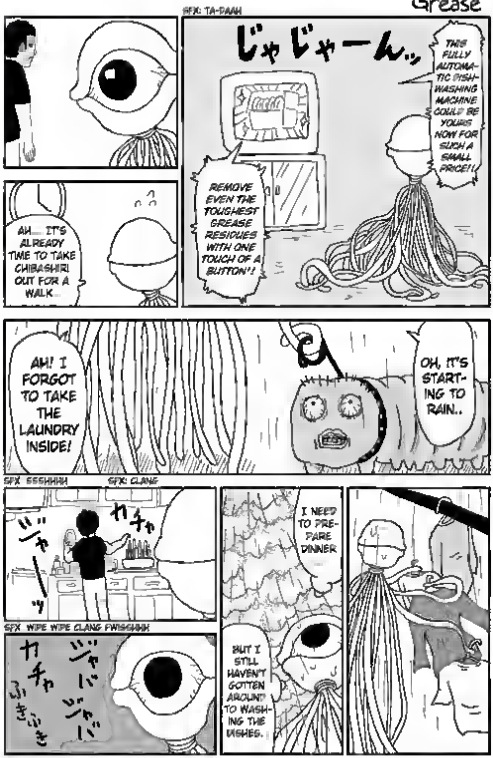
GAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
DUDE, YOU'RE GONNA HURT HER FEELINGS
IT'S JUST SOME UGLY-ASS BITCH! DON'T GET MY HOPES UP!
WHAT THE FUCK !!
SFX: KICK
ゲシッ
OW!
DON'T SAY MEAN THINGS TO TSUNO ...
SHE MIGHT FORGIVE YOU, BUT I WON'T!
WHAT THE..!?
WHAT WAS THAT FOR, YOU FUCKING BRAT..

I WON'T GET DINNER IF I DON'T COME BACK WITH YOU
HUH? I'LL DO THE FIGHTING?
ALL RIGHT THEN !!
GET 'EM, TSUNO !!
THEY WERE SO SCARY
CAN I HUG YOU?
NO, YOU'RE THE SCARY ONE, TSUNO


SO I'LL TRAIN UNTIL I'M THE STRONGEST GUY IN THE WORLD !!
IF THAT'S THE CASE I MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO TAKE OVER THE UNDERWORLD LIKE A MAN...
IN ORDER TO WIN TSUNO'S FRIENDSHIP, I HAVE TO FIRST PROVE TO HER THAT I'M STRONGER THAN HER...
SFX "THUMP"
OH, SHIT, HE'S HUGE...
THAT FUCKING HURT! LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOIN... G...
OW!
MAE-ZAWA HAD TO GIVE UP ON HIS GOAL ON THE VERY FIRST DAY
MOM, THIS MAN IS SCARY!
WHAT ARE HIS PARENTS LIKE THEN?
... EH?
HE'S JUST A KID ...!?


SFX: TA-DAAH
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THIS FULLY AUTOMATIC DISHWASHING MACHINE COULD BE YOURS NOW FOR SUCH A SMALL PRICE!!
REMOVE EVEN THE TOUGHEST GREASE RESIDUES WITH ONE TOUCH OF A BUTTON*!
AH... IT'S ALREADY TIME TO TAKE CHIBASHIRI OUT FOR A WALK...
OH, IT'S STARTING TO RAIN..
AH! I FORGOT TO TAKE THE LAUNDRY INSIDE!
SFX: SSSHHHH
SFX: CLANG
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SFX: WIPE WIPE CLANG FWISHHHH
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I NEED TO PREPARE DINNER
BUT I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN AROUND TO WASHING THE DISHES.

Heading home

WHEW
GOOD JOB TODAY
GOOD JOB TO YOU TOO
WANNA JOIN US FOR A DRINK TODAY, CHIEF CLERK?
SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO PASS
HI, I'M SUZUKI, I'M HERE TO PICK UP MY ORDER
YES HERE IS IS THE ANNIVERSARY RING SPECIALLY MADE TO FIT YOUR WIFE'S TENTACLES

The End